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Pain due to thyroid surgery is mild to moderate intensity. So patient require analgesia in the form of opioid or NSAIDS. Though it can produce effective analgesia, but can result in side effects like nausea, vomiting, sedation, urinary retention, post operative bleeding.

In order to overcome this problem, regional anaesthetic technique are supplemented with general anaesthesia.

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ABSTRACT

Background :

Superficial cervical plexus block is one of the regional anaesthetic technique that can provide post operative analgesia for thyroid surgery. This Prospective , Randomized double blinded study compared ultrasound guided and landmark technique for superficial cervical plexus block in thyroid surgery.

Methods

Sixty patients were randomly allocated to receive the superficial cervical plexus block using ultrasound guided (n=30) and landmark technique (n=30) .The main outcome , success of the technique was defined as absence of cold sensation for all 4 branches of the superficial cervical plexus at 15 mins. A blinded also observed onset time , performance time , block pain score, Intra operative haemodynamics, postoperative pain score , and complication

Results

The success rate was 83 % in Ultrasound guided group and 67% in landmark technique group. Ultrasound guided results in faster onset time , longer performance time than landmark group.

Conclusion

Ultrasound guided technique results in higher success rate , faster onset time, and longer performance time as compared to landmark technique group.

keywords: superficial cervical plexus block, Ultrasound guided, Landmark technique

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anaesthetized between the sternocleidomastoid and scalene muscles successfully.

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This present study was done in patients undergoing total thyroidectomy to compare Ultrasound - Guided and Landmark technique for superficial cervical plexus block.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

To compare Ultrasound-guided and Landmark based technique for superficial cervical plexus block in patients undergoing thyroid surgeries with respect to

- ❖ Success of technique
- ❖ Onset time
- ❖ Performance time
- ❖ Block pain score
- ❖ Intra operative hemodynamics
- ❖ Post operative pain score
- ❖ Complications

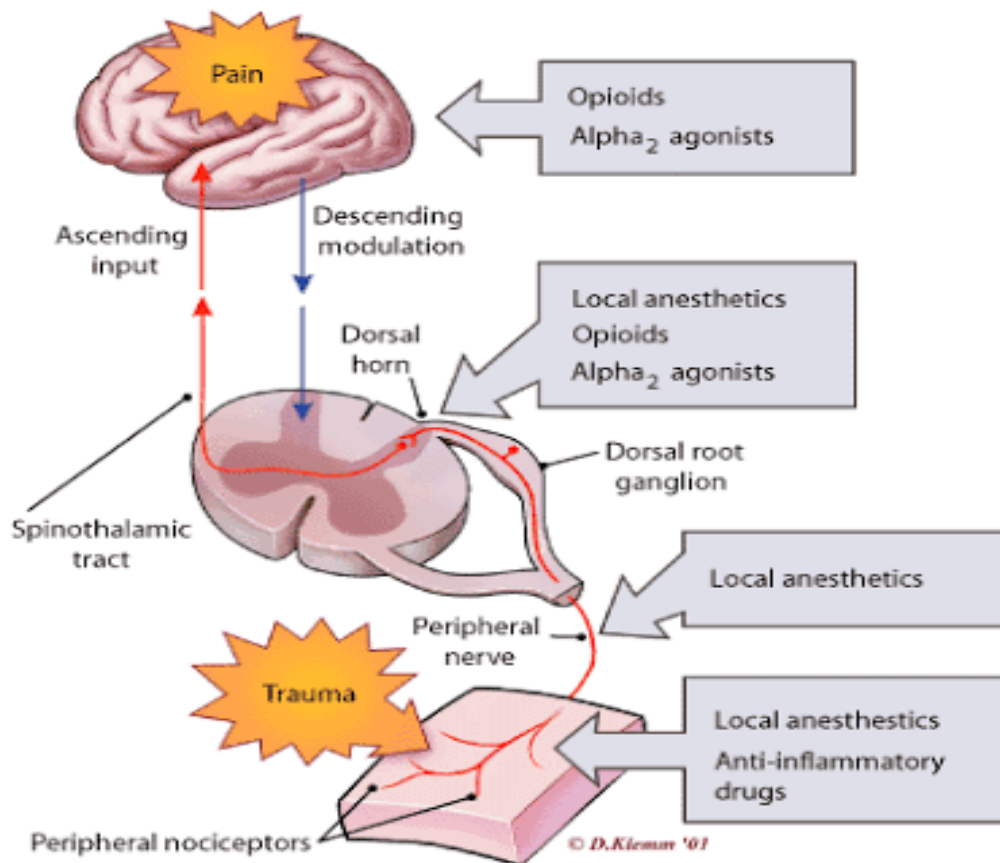
PAIN

The term 'Pain' means penalty derived from the term "Poena" . It is defined as "unpleasant emotional and sensory experience associated with potential or actual tissue damage or described in terms of such damage.

It is proved that pain can result in severe stress response , and can be perceived by all group of age including preterm baby also.

PAIN PATHWAY

- ❖ The noxious stimuli at the time of injury produces local inflammatory response in the periphery. It results in sensitization of nociceptors and primary hyperalgesia.
- ❖ Then the noxious impulse is transmitted to CNS by A delta and C fibres . This will initiate the sequence of events. i.e reflex withdrawal from the stimulus, aversive behaviour and pain perception
- ❖ The noxious impulse from the C fibres produces central sensitization which will alter the sensory processing in spinal cord . This result in allodynia and hyperalgesia at the site of injury .



DRUGS ACTS AT VARIOUS SITES OF PAIN PATHWAY

- ❖ Periphery : Local anaesthetics , NSAIDS , and opioids
- ❖ Spinal cord : Local anaesthetics, opioids and alpha 2 agonist
- ❖ Cortical : Opioids

Pain can be approached with various types of drugs and combined approach is employed for effective pain relief.

Regional anaesthesia is one of most efficient method of pain relief and it has the several advantages over others. They are:

- ❖ Regional anaesthesia reduces general anaesthetic requirement considerably
- ❖ More rapid recovery
- ❖ Decreased requirement of intra operative and post operative opioid and other analgesic drugs.
- ❖ Reduced incidence of post operative nausea and vomiting
- ❖ Earlier discharge and thereby reduces the cost
- ❖ Compliance is good
- ❖ Regional anaesthesia avoids undesirable autonomic reflexes like Laryngospasm.
- ❖ Regional blocks ensures adequate muscle relaxation , so the use of muscle relaxant is minimized, early recovery, decreased incidence of respiratory insufficiency
- ❖ Intra operative and post operative bleeding is reduced
- ❖ Decreased stress response
- ❖ Cardiovascular stability is well maintained
- ❖ Adequate pain relief reduces pulmonary complication
- ❖ Reduced incidence of post operative ventilator support

ASSESSMENT OF PAIN

Pain is a subjective phenomenon unique to the individual. Unlike chronic pain, acute pain is easy to assess and it reflects the actual tissue damage.

In the post operative period, level of pain due to surgery changes rapidly over a period of time. So the assessment of pain should be done by using simple measurement tools, so that pain treatment can be appropriately titrated pain is considered as the “ fifth vital sign”.

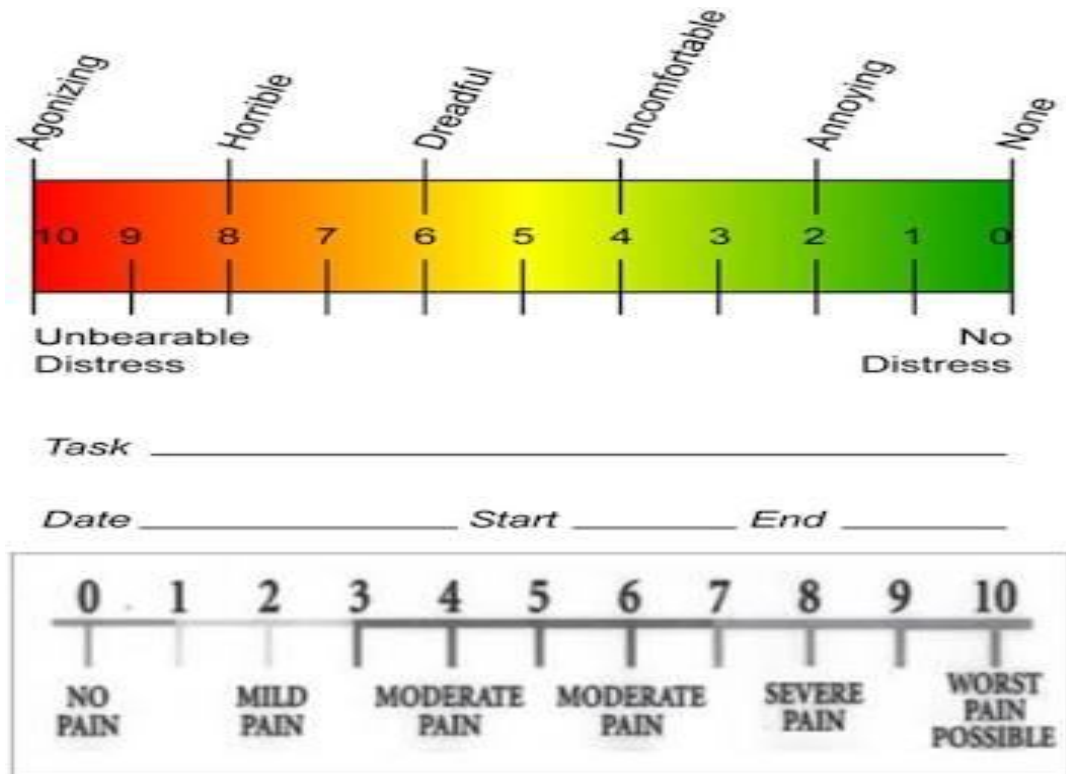
Accurate assessment of pain is mandatory to make sure that the pain is managed effectively²⁷.

TOOLS FOR EVALUATION OF PAIN

Numerous pain scoring system are available to assess the pain severity.

- 1) Numerical scale : This is 11 point scale system consist of score of 0 to 10 . 0 means no pain , 10 means worst imaginable pain.
- 2) Categorical : It consist of four or five point scaling system. The pain will be graded as none, mild , moderate , severe and excruciating . The disadvantage is , it lacks sensitivity , but advantage is , its simplicity

- 3) Visual Analogue Scale (VAS) : It is most commonly used for pain assessment. It consists of 100 mm scale. At one end, there is no pain, at other end worst imaginable pain.



- 4) Mc Gill Pain Questionnaire (MPQ) : It measures the pain in multi- dimensional aspects. It measures affective , evaluative sensory and other aspects of pain and it consists of 20 questionnaires.

1 – 10 : Sensory aspect of pain

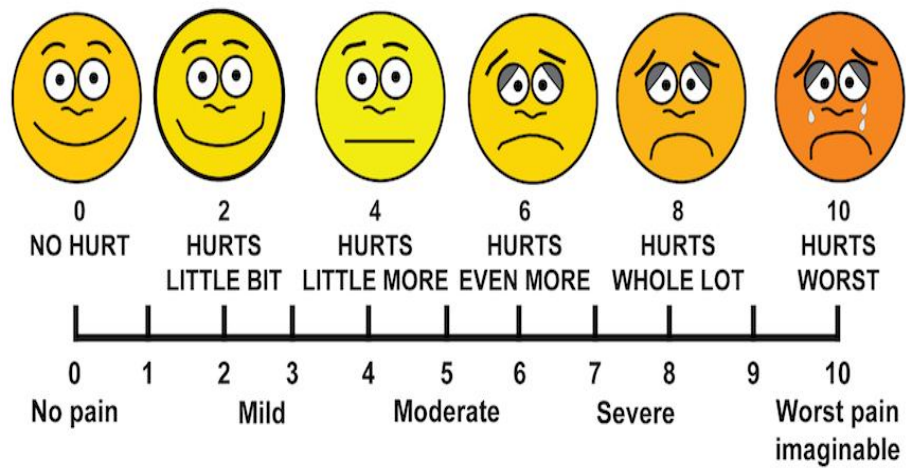
11 – 15 : Affective aspect of pain

16 : Evaluative aspect of pain

17 – 20 : Miscellaneous aspect of pain

- 5) Happy – Sad face: A set of faces shown to a child or illiterate person to indicate his pain. The person will be asked to select the facial expression that suits for his pain. In this way pain can be assessed.

PAIN MEASUREMENT SCALE



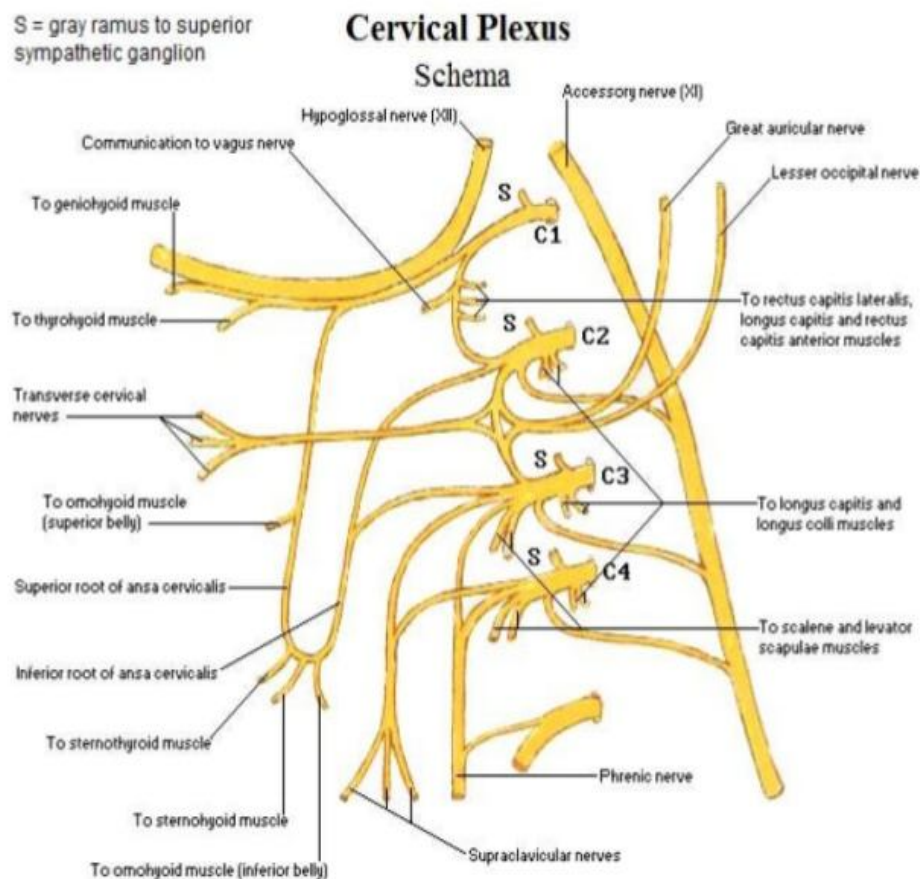
CERVICAL PLEXUS

FORMATION

The cervical plexus is formed by the ventral rami of the upper four cervical nerves. The ventral rami emerge between the anterior and posterior tubercle of the cervical transverse process. All rami divide into two except first cervical nerve³.

POSITION

The plexus is anteriorly related to prevertebral fascia, internal jugular vein and sternocleidomastoid muscles. Posteriorly related to muscles which arise from the posterior tubercle of the transverse process. i.e levator scapulae and scalenus medius



SUPERFICIAL BRANCHES

It emerges at the superficial fascia of the neck at mid portion of the posterior border of the sternomastoid muscles. Its branches are

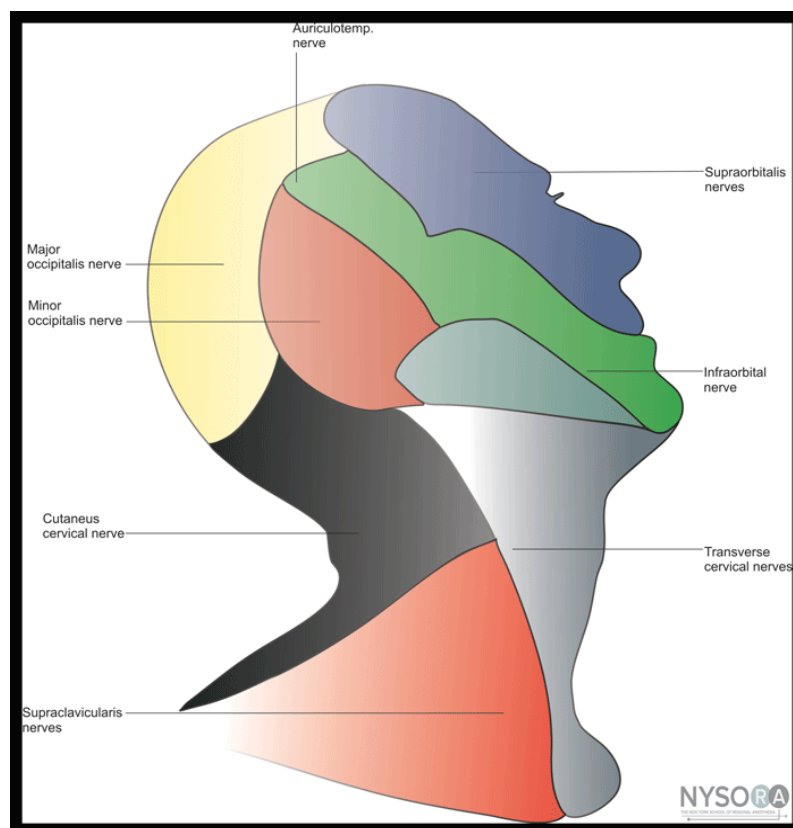
- 1) Lesser occipital nerve which ascends up and supplies the skin of the upper portion of neck region and behind auricle.
- 2) Great auricular nerve which ascends across sternomastoid muscle and supplies the skin over the parotid region
- 3) Transverse cervical nerve crosses sterno mastoid muscles horizontally and supplies the skin over the anterior triangle.
- 4) Supra clavicular nerve (C3, C4) descends behind the sterno mastoid muscle and supply over the skin of the shoulder and upper pectoral region.

DEEP BRANCHES

- 1) Muscular branches supplies muscles of the neck and phrenic nerve which supplies diaphragm.
- 2) Communicating branch

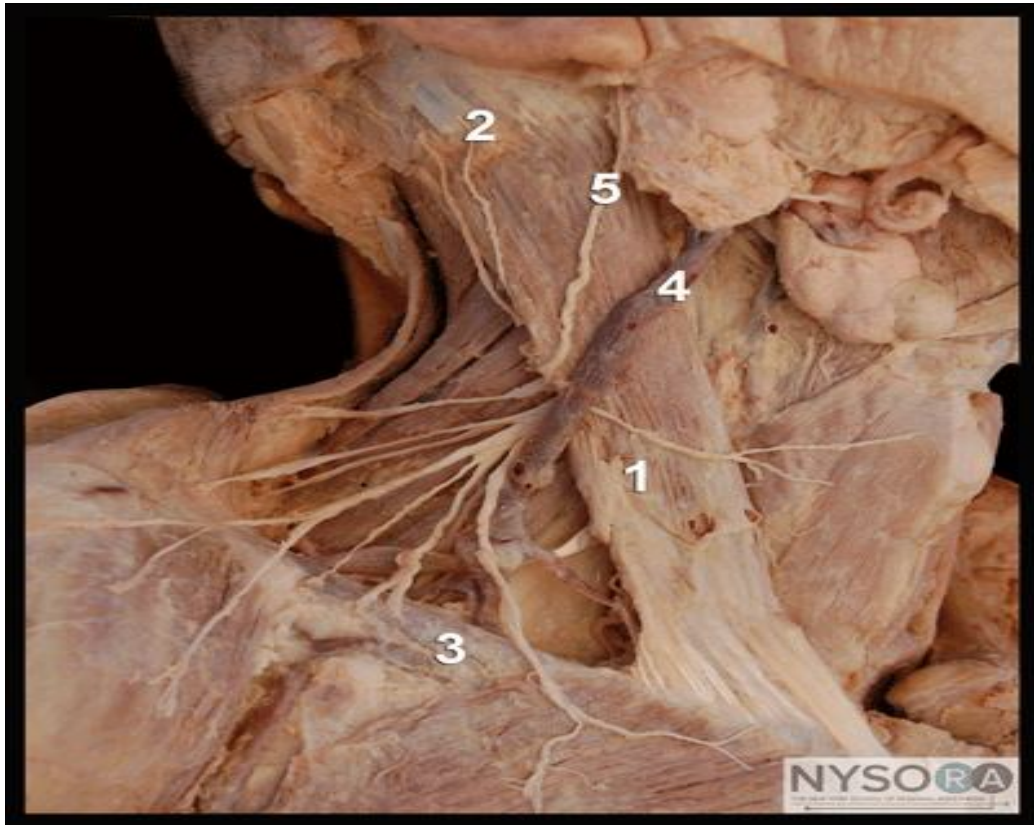
SUPERFICIAL CERVICAL PLEXUS

The superficial cervical plexus arises from the anterior rami of the C2 through C4 and emerge at the mid portion of the posterior border of the sternomastoid muscles as four distinct nerves which supplies skin over the anterolateral aspect of the neck region.³



The lesser occipital nerve comes from stem of C2 where as greater auricular and transverse cervical derived from part of C3.

The remaining part of C3 joins with major part of C4 give rise to supraclavicular trunk which further divide in to upper, middle and lower supra clavicular nerve¹²



Ascending branches are

- 1) Occipital nerve
- 2) Superficialis coli
- 3) Auricular magnus
- 4) Suprasternal nerve

Descending branches are

- 1) Supraclavicular nerve
- 2) Supra acromial

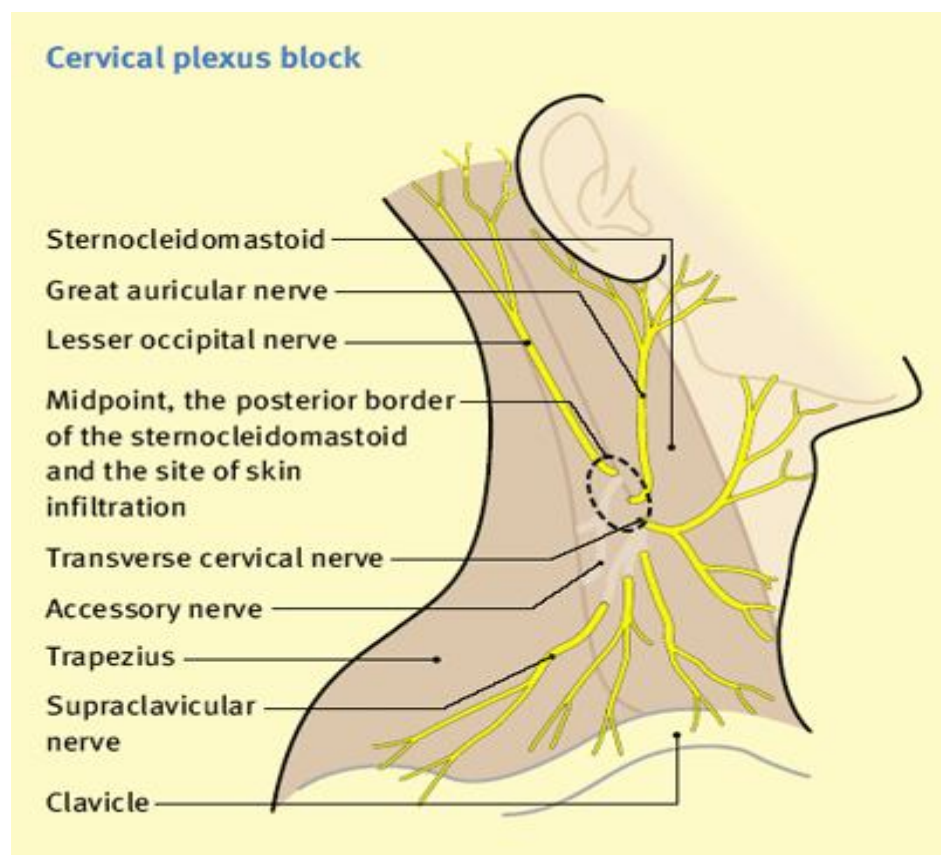
SUPERFICIAL CERVICAL PLEXUS BLOCK

INDICATION

- Carotid endarterectomy
- Superficial neck surgery
- Central venous catheterization

TECHNIQUE

- Landmark technique
 - Two point technique
 - Three point technique
- Ultra sound guided technique



LANDMARK TECHNIQUE

The patient is in supine position and neck turned slightly to opposite side , and landmark is identified as mid portion of the posterior border of the sternomastoid muscle.

It consist of subcutaneous injection of local anaesthetic along the posterior border of the sterno mastoid muscle just under the skin⁶.

1) TWO POINT TECHNIQUE

A line drawn between the mastoid process and chassaignac's tubercle of C6 transverse process. At the mid point of this line, 25 G block needle is inserted , skin wheal is raised and the needle is directed cephalad towards the mastoid process along the posterior border of sterno mastoid muscle. 3 to 4 ml of local anaesthetic is injected in a subcutaneous plane as the needle is withdrawn. Care must be taken to avoid piercing the external jugular vein. Then the needle is directed towards the clavicle and same amount of local anesthetic is injected in a subcutaneous plane while withdrawing the needle.

2) THREE POINT TECHNIQUE

In this technique, the land mark used is posterior border of the sternocleido mastoid muscle 2 cm above the clavicle. 10 ml local anaesthetic preparation is used, and depth of injection is less than 5 cm. Now 2 ml of local anaesthetic is injected at the site of needle entry, 6ml in the cephalad direction and another 2 ml in the transverse direction.

COMPLICATION

- 1) Vascular puncture and local anaesthetic toxicity
- 2) Infection
- 3) Haematoma formation
- 4) Brachial plexus block
- 5) Phrenic nerve palsy
- 6) Horner syndrome

ULTRASOUND GUIDED TECHNIQUE

The aim of ultrasound – guided superficial cervical plexus is to increase the success of the block by depositing the local anaesthetic as close to the sensory branches of cervical plexus. By using ultrasound guided technique , one can ensure the spread of local anaesthetic in the correct inter muscular plane , which will not only increase the success of the technique , but also avoid too deep needle insertion and thereby preventing injury to neighboring structure , vascular deposition. Both in – plane and out- plane technique can be used successfully³⁴.



INDICATION

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EQUIPMENT

- 1) Nerve block tray
- 2) Sterile glove
- 3) Ultrasound machine with linear probe
- 4) 10 ml syringes – 2
- 5) Spinal needle – 23 G , 25 G

ULTRASOUND GUIDED TECHNIQUE

Patient is positioned in lateral aspect with operative side upper most. The skin is disinfected. The mid portion of the posterior border of the sternocleido mastoid muscle was scanned using high frequency linear probe. The inter muscular plane is identified between the sternomastoid and scalene muscle. 1- 2 ml of local anaesthetic is injected to confirm the proper position and after negative aspiration, 10 ml of local anaesthetic mixture is deposited in the desired inter muscular plane³³ .

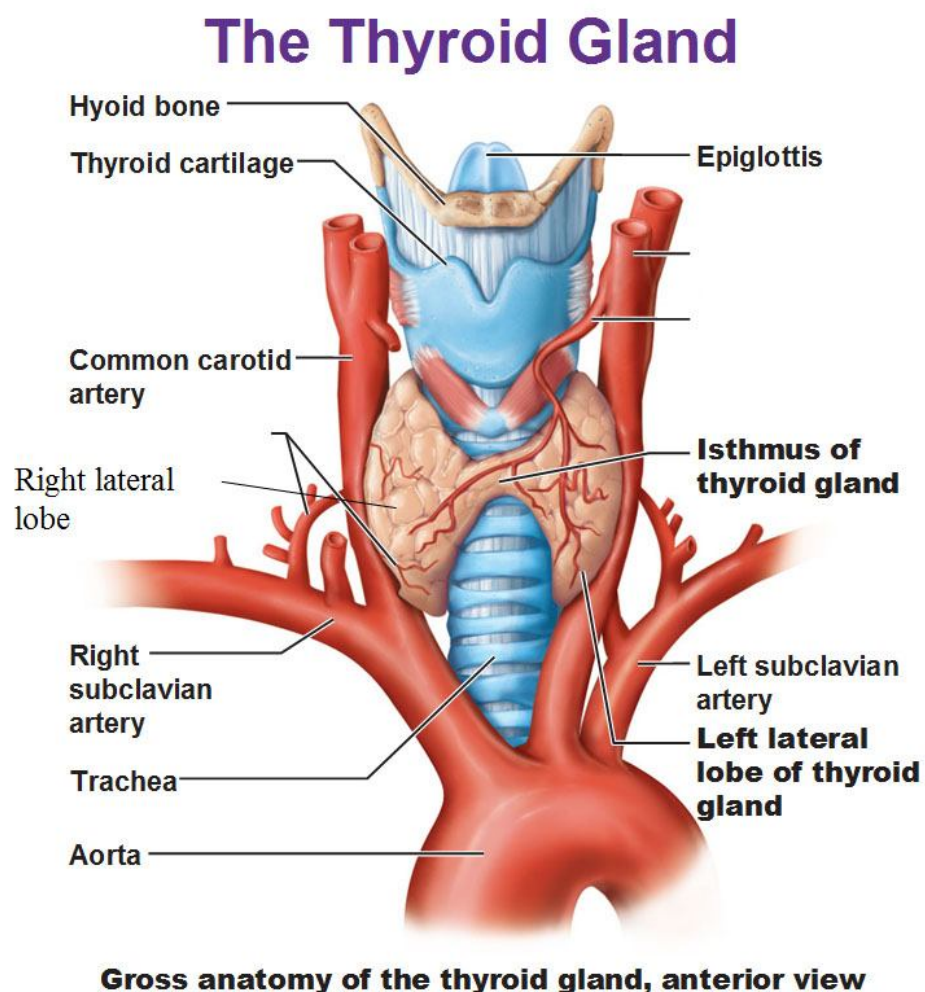
ADVANTAGE

- 1) Increases the success of block
- 2) Avoid deeper insertion and inadvertent injection in to the important surrounding structure.

THYROID GLAND

ANATOMY

Thyroid gland is an endocrine organ, situated in the lower part of the neck opposite to vertebrae C5, C6, C7 and T1. It is butterfly in shape and consists of right and left lobes joined together by isthmus. A third pyramidal lobe projects upwards from the isthmus. The upper pole of the thyroid gland is pointed, and the lower pole is rounded and broad³.



It extends from the middle of the thyroid cartilage to 4th or 5th tracheal rings . The isthmus extend from the 2nd to 3rd tracheal ring.

Accessory thyroid gland may sometime be present as small detached masses in the vicinity of lobes or above the isthmus.

It mainly regulates the basal metabolic rate, stimulates somatic And psychic growth. It also plays a important role in calcium metabolism

CAPSULES OF THYROID GLAND

- 1) True capsule : It is the peripheral condensation of the connective tissue of the thyroid gland
- 2) False capsule : It is derived from pre tracheal layer of the deep cervical fascia

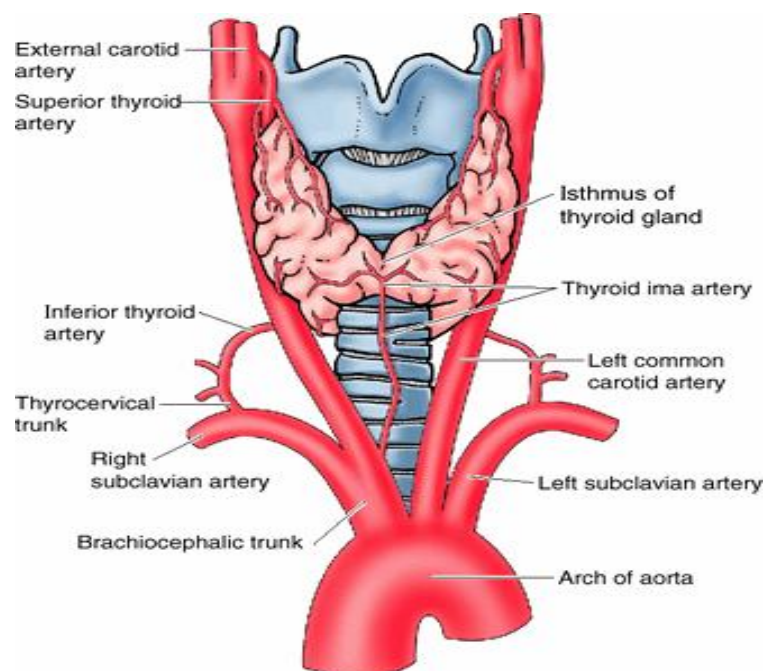
Since there is a presence of dense capillary plexus deep to the true capsule, to avoid bleeding during thyroidectomy, thyroid gland is removed along with the true capsule³.

DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT

Each lobe measures about 5cm*2.5cm*2.5cm, and isthmus measures about 1.2cm*1.2cm. The average weight of the gland is 25g. The gland is slightly larger in female than male. During menstruation and pregnancy, the gland increases in size.

ARTERIAL SUPPLY

- 1) **Superior thyroid artery** : Is a branch of external carotid artery and divided in to anterior and posterior branches. It supplies anterior and posterior lobes of thyroid respectively.
- 2) **Inferior thyroid artery** : a branch from the thyrocervical trunk which itself is a branch of subclavian artery.
- 3) **Thyroidea ima artery** : a branch from brachio cephalic trunk or directly from the aorta Accessory thyroid arteries which also supplies thyroid gland and arises from the tracheal and esophageal arteries.



VENOUS DRAINAGE

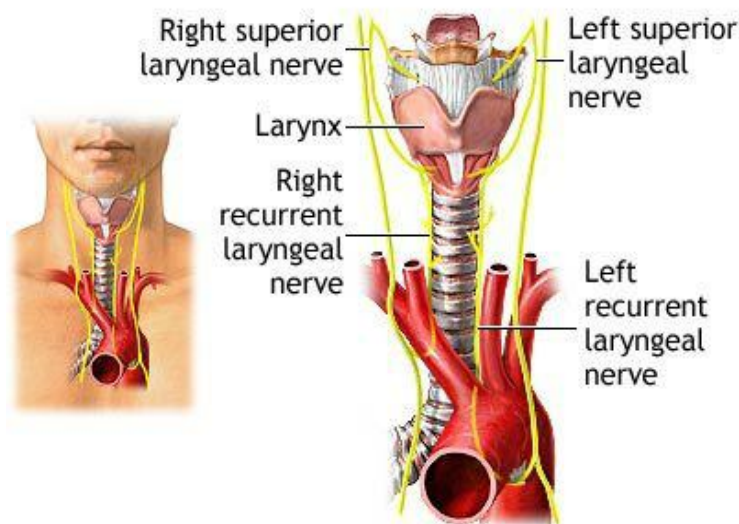
- 1) Superior thyroid vein drains in to internal jugular or in the common facial vein.

- 2) The middle thyroid vein also drains into internal jugular vein.
- 3) The inferior thyroid vein drains into brachiocephalic vein
- 4) A fourth thyroid vein known as Kohler's vein may be lies between middle and inferior thyroid vein and drains into the internal jugular vein.

LYMPHATIC DRAINAGE

- 1) Lymphatics from the upper part of the gland drain into upper deep cervical nodes directly or through the pre laryngeal nodes.
- 2) Lymphatics from the lower part of the gland either directly drain into lower deep cervical nodes or through the pre tracheal and paratracheal nodes..

NERVE SUPPLY



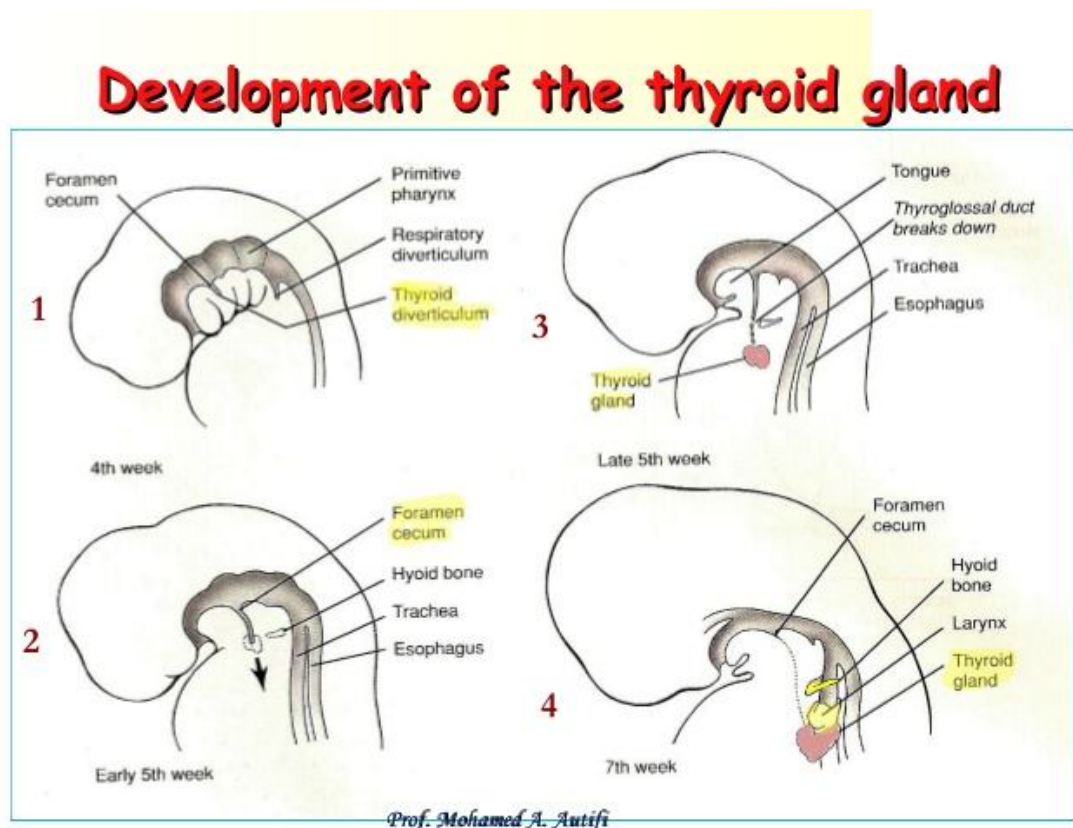
Thyroid gland is mainly supplied from the middle cervical ganglion and also partly from the superior and inferior cervical ganglion.

STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION

The thyroid gland consists of two types of secretory cells.

- 1) Follicular cells : It lines the follicles of the thyroid gland and secretes triiodothyronine and tetraiodothyronine. It stimulates the basal metabolic rate and somatic and psychic growth of an individual.
- 2) Parafollicular cells : It lies in between the follicles. They secrete calcitonin which promotes calcium deposition in bones and other tissues¹¹.

DEVELOPMENT



The thyroid gland developed from a median endodermal diverticulum which grows in front of the neck and the floor of the primitive pharynx, just caudal to the tuberculum impar. The lower end of the diverticulum enlarges to form the gland. The rest of the diverticulum remains narrow and is known as the thyroglossal duct⁴.

THYROID ENLARGEMENT

Generalized enlargement of the thyroid gland is known as goiter

CLASSIFICATION

Simple Goiter

- Multi nodular goiter
- Diffuse hyperplastic

Toxic

- Diffuse
- Toxic adenoma
- Multinodular

Neoplastic

- Benign
- Malignant

Inflammatory

- Autoimmune

- Hashimoto's thyroiditis
- Chronic lymphocytic thyroiditis
- Granulomatous
- Riedel's thyroiditis

Indication for surgery in thyroid swelling

- Pressure symptoms
- Cosmetic purpose
- Toxic adenoma
- Neoplasia

THYROID OPERATION

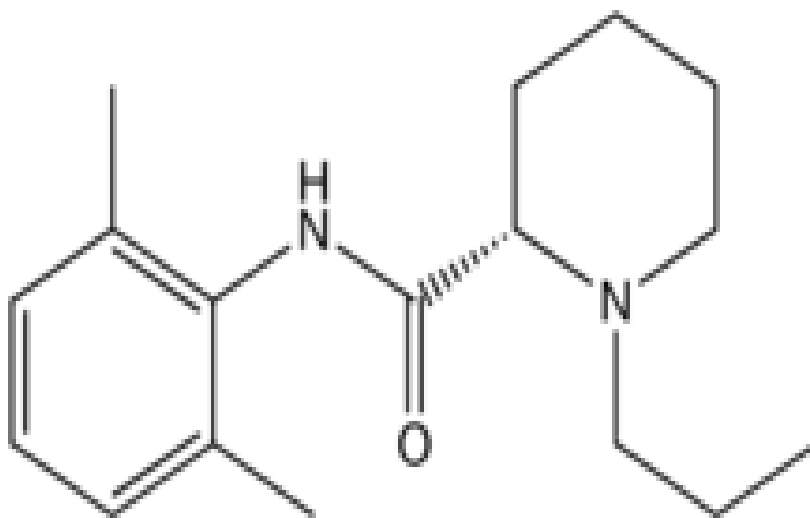
- 1) Lobectomy = Unilateral total lobectomy + isthmusectomy
- 2) Subtotal thyroidectomy = Bisubtotal lobectomy + isthmusectomy
- 3) Total thyroidectomy = Bi total lobectomy + isthmusectomy⁴

BUPIVACAINE

Bupivacaine is a long acting local anaesthetic belongs to amide group.

Its chemical name is 1-butyl 2, 6 dimethyl phenylpiperidine 2 – carboxamide hydrochloride . The aromatic head and hydrocarbon are linked by an amide bond rather than ester. As a result , they are more stable and results in less chance of allergic reaction. It was synthesized first by Ekenstam in 1957 and first used by Widmon and Telimo in 1963²⁹.

CHEMICAL STRUCTURE



Mechanism of Action

It acts on the sodium channel on the nerve fibers. It blocks the sodium entry into the nerve fiber and thereby inhibits propagation of the nerve impulse. Central nervous system toxicity occurs earlier than the cardiovascular toxicity.

Pharmacokinetics

Bupivacaine is a long acting local anaesthetic related to lidocaine and mepivacaine. But its potency and toxicity is four times greater than the lidocaine.

More lipid soluble in nature, high protein bound. Rapidly absorbed from the site of injection. Peak plasma concentration reaches 5-30 minutes after the injection. Its duration of action ranges from 360 minutes to 720 minutes. It crosses blood brain barrier and placental barrier. It is mainly bound to acid glycoprotein. In a concentration of 0.5% bupivacaine, duration of action is from 2 to 5 hrs following an epidural injection and following a peripheral nerve block its action may extend up to 12 hrs. Duration of action is shorter when used in lower concentration²⁹

The plasma concentration of bupivacaine mainly depends on the route of administration, dose and vascularity of injection site. Intercostal blocks attain the highest concentration due to rapid absorption.

It is metabolized in liver, dealkylation to pipecoloxylidine, aromatic hydroxylation .

Most of the drug are excreted as metabolites and only 5 % are excreted in unchanged form .

PHYSIO-CHEMICAL PROFILE

- ❖ Protein binding - 95 %
- ❖ Molecular weight : 288
- ❖ Pka – 8.1
- ❖ Partition coefficient – 28 (lipid solubility)
- ❖ Elimination t_{1/2} - 210 mins
- ❖ Clearance - 8.3 l /min

PREPARATION

- ❖ 0.25 %, 0. 5% solution are prepared in 10 , 20 ml vial respectively.
- ❖ For subarachnoid injection , 0.5 % of bupivacaine (5mg /ml) mixed with 80 mg of dextrose to increase the baricity (Baricity – 1.0207)

DOSAGE

2 – 2.5 mg / kg of bupivacaine and strength is 0.25% to 0.75% with or without adrenaline . It causes prolonged PR interval , QT interval

- ❖ Re-entrant tachycardia and ventricular arrhythmias can occur
- ❖ Results from high lipid solubility of the drug
- ❖ R- enantiomer is more toxic than S- enantiomer
- ❖ Pregnancy causes more toxic effects of bupivacaine

ALLERGIC REACTION

It occurs due to presence of preservative methyl paraben.

USES

- ❖ Local infiltration and ring block
- ❖ Peripheral nerve block
- ❖ Central neuroaxial blocks

CONTRAINDICATION

- ❖ Known hypersensitivity to local anaesthetic of amide group
- ❖ Regional infection / septicaemia
- ❖ Intravenous regional anaesthesia

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

1) Nathalie Dieudonne et al²⁴ Anesthesia and Analgesia 2001;92:1538-1542 Performed the BSCPB at the end of thyroid surgery to studied the analgesic efficacy of the block . Two groups were randomly assigned to receive the block using normal saline (group A) , Bupivacaine 0.25% with adrenaline 1 in 2 L (Group B) . Results showed group B require less morphine post operatively . It was concluded that BSCPB provides significant analgesia intra operative as well post operatively, and reduces the opioid requirement post operatively.

2.) Sophie Aunac et al 2002;95:746-750: performed both superficial and deep cervical plexus block in patient undergoing thyroid surgery. Three groups were randomly allotted to receive the block using normal saline (group A) , Ropivacaine (Group B), and Ropivacaine with clonidine (Group C) . The Results showed Intra operative requirement were lower in group B, C than Group A. Post operative analgesic were also significantly reduced in Group B, Group C than Group A.

3) Zeynep Eti et al³⁵ 2006;102 :1174-6 They studied the analgesic efficacy of local wound infiltration and Bilateral Superficial Cervical Plexus in patient undergoing thyroid surgery. Total of 45 patients were divided in to 3 group. Group 1 received local infiltration with

bupivacaine , group 2 received BSCPb using bupivacaine 0.25 % and third group , no block was performed. Main outcome measured was Postoperative analgesic requirement , VAS score . Group 1 requires more analgesia than other two group. VAS Score and Analgesic requirement were similar between group 2 and group 3. It was concluded that there was no significant differences between the local infiltration and BSCPb group with respect to VAS score and Analgesic requirement.

4) G. Andrieu , H . Amrouni , E. Robin² Br J Anaesth 2007;99:561-566 studied the Analgesic efficacy of bilateral superficial cervical plexus block done under general anesthesia before thyroid surgery. Three groups consist of 30 patients were given bilateral superficial cervical plexus block using normal saline , Ropivacaine and Ropivacaine , clonidine mixture. They studied the analgesic efficacy and intra operative and post operative opioid requirement . It has been found that patient who received the normal saline requires opioid and other analgesia in the form acetaminophen higher than the patient who received Ropivacaine and Ropivacaine , clonidine mixture . It was concluded that Bilateral superficial cervical plexus block using ropivacaine and clonidine improved intra operative and post operative analgesia.

5) De Q. H Tran , Shubada Dugani , and Roderick J . Finlayson⁶ 2010;35:539-543 done a prospective , randomized double – blinded study to compare the landmark technique and ultrasound guided technique for bilateral superficial cervical plexus block for patient undergoing thyroid surgery. Total of 40 patients were randomly allocated to receive the block for both landmark technique and ultrasound guided technique . The block was performed before induction of surgery.

The main outcome measured was success of the technique (it is defined as absence of cold sensation for all 4 branches of the superficial cervical plexus at 15 mins. They also recorded onset time , block pain score, performance time and complication rate. The success rate was 80 % in landmark technique group, where as it was 85% in ultrasound guided group. Performance time was slightly higher in ultrasound guided group. But no differences in onset time noted between the 2 group. They concluded that Ultrasound guided technique dose not increases the success rate much, as compared to land mark based technique .

6) Ming – Lang Shih , Quan – Yang Duh²² 2010;34:2338-2343 studied the analgesic efficacy of bilateral superficial cervical plexus performed in patients undergoing thyroid surgery and also study whether it reduces the adverse effects of general anesthesia . Three groups were randomly allotted to receive the superficial cervical plexus

using normal saline , 0.5% bupivacaine , and levobupivacaine 0.5% . The parameter studied to assess the analgesic efficacy are intra operative anesthetic(desflurane) number of patient requiring post operative analgesia , time of rescue analgesia , VAS score .

7) Issak kesisoglou, M.D , PhD , Theodosis et al 2010;32:984-988 Bilateral superficial cervical plexus block was given to 100 patients undergoing thyroid surgery. Two groups are allotted. Group A received normal saline, while Group B received Ropivacaine . The parameters studied were Pain score, and analgesic requirement. Pain score was noted 0 , 3 , 6 , 9 , 12, and 24 hrs after surgery. Results showed Analgesic requirement was similar between the two groups. But Pain score was significantly lower in group B . It was concluded that BSCPB reduces pain score post operatively with no significant differences in analgesic requirement.

8) Gurkan Y , Tas Z , Toker K Solak M¹⁴ 2015;29:579-584: In this study the ultrasound guided bilateral superficial cervical plexus block reduces the postoperative opioid consumption following thyroid surgery.

Fifty patient were included in this single blinded study. In this study, Bilateral superficial cervical plexus was performed under ultrasound guidance using 10 ml of 0.25% of bupivacaine.

Post operatively patient was provided with patient controlled analgesia using morphine. They have found that post operative morphine consumption was lower in patient who received block than control group.

It was concluded that ultrasound guided bilateral superficial cervical plexus block performed before thyroid surgery reduces the opioid requirement postoperatively.

Results showed end tidal desflurane concentration were lower in patient who received bupivacaine group compared to normal saline group. It takes longer time for rescue analgesia post operatively for patient received bupivacaine than normal saline. VAS score were lower in group who received bupivacaine.

It is concluded that Bilateral Superficial Cervical Plexus performed during thyroid surgery reduces the anesthetic requirement . It also reduces the analgesic requirement post operatively and shorten the hospital stay.

SAMPLE SIZE CALCULATION

Sample size was determined based on

Study

A Randomized Comparision Between Ultrasound-Guided And
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In this study the performance time was slightly longer with
US(119 versus 61 sec: $p < 0.001$) with a difference of 51%.

Description

The confidence level is estimated at 95%

with a z value of 1.96

the confidence interval or margin of error is estimated at +/-13

Assuming that 80 percent of the sample will have the specified attribute

$p\% = 51$ and $q\% = 49$

$$n = p\% \times q\% \times [z/e\%]^2$$

$$n = 51 \times 49 \times [1.96/13]^2$$

$$n = 56.81$$

Therefore 57 is the minimum sample size required for the study.

In our study 60 subjects were chosen ($n=30$ in Landmark Group and $n=30$ in US Group)

MATERIALS AND METHODS

This Prospective , randomized , double blinded study compared landmark technique and ultrasound guided technique for Bilateral Superficial Cervical Plexus in patient undergoing thyroid surgeries.

Total of 60 patients were allocated , 30 patients to receive landmark technique , another 30 patient to receive ultrasound guided technique.

This study was done at Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital , Chennai from june 2015 to august 2015in elective operation theatre.

This study was approved by institutional ethical committee , informed consent from all patient was obtained .

SELECTION OF CASES

Inclusion Criteria

- Age : 20 years and above
- Weight : BMI < 30kg/m²
- ASA : I ,II,&III
- Mallampatti: I &II
- Euthyroid state

Exclusion Criteria

- Patient refusal
- Not satisfying inclusion criteria
- Patients posted for emergency surgery
- Patients with difficult airway
- Lack of written informed consent
- Pregnant female
- H/O of seizure and any other neurological deficits
- Poor lung compliance and pulmonary fibrosis
- Coagulation disorders
- Patients with retro sternal goitre

Pre operative assessment was done . All the investigation verified. Total of 60 patients were randomly assigned into two group by closed envelope method. Group A to receive Superficial Cervical Plexus Block by landmark based technique , Group B to receive SCPB by ultrasound guided technique. 10 ml of 0.25 % bupivacaine was used as a local anaesthetic on each side.

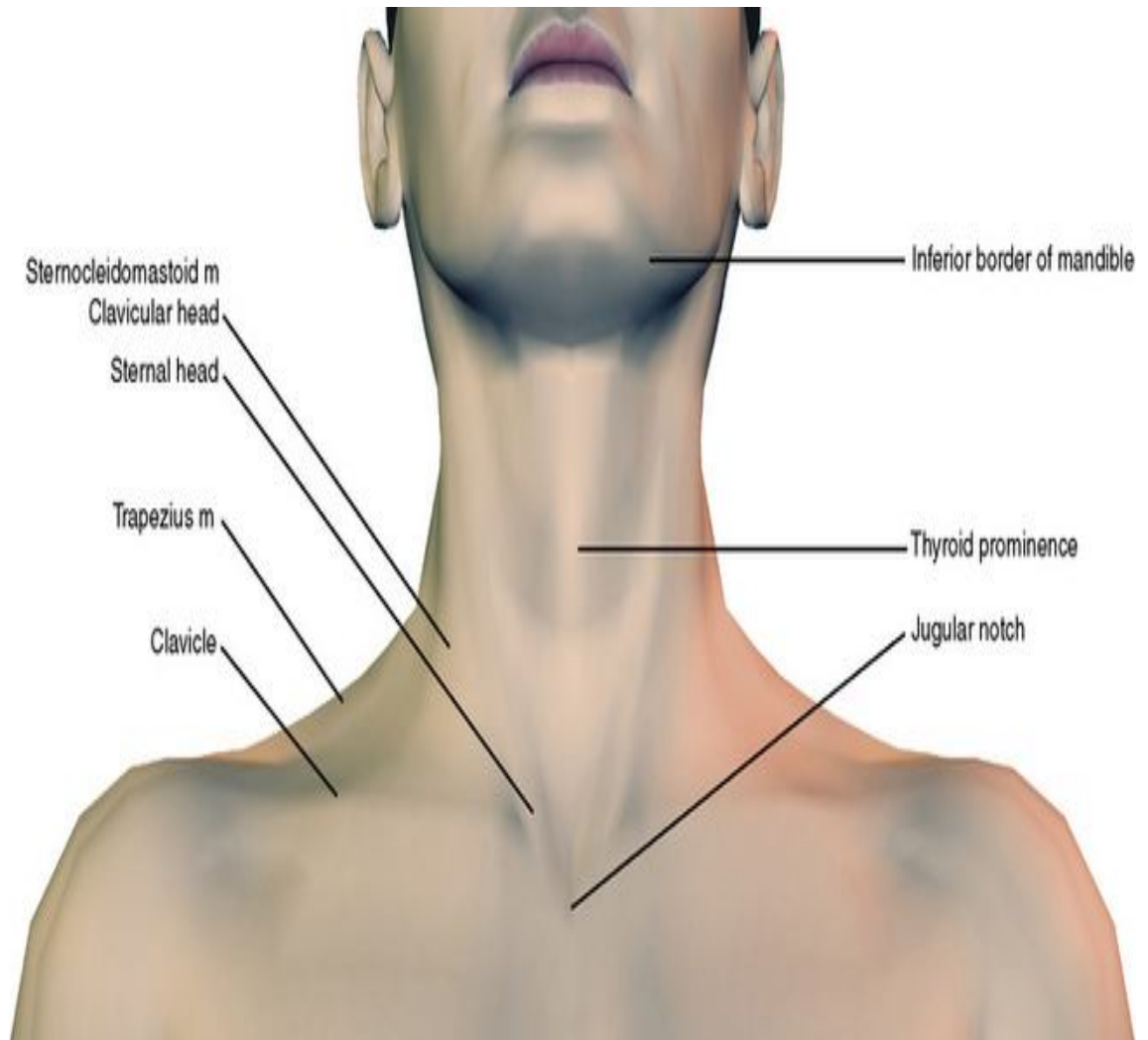
All patients were given BSCPb by landmark technique and USG Guided technique before induction of General anaesthesia .

Monitors used are NIBP, ECG SPO₂ , and ETCO₂. IV line secured in left hand with 18 g venflon.

All Patients were premedicated with inj glycopyrolate 10 ug/kg i.m. The injection containing local anesthetic was given to Anesthesiologist who is performing the procedure . The specific injections used for block was not known to the patient , surgeon , and Anesthesiologist and doctor involved in the assessment of pain score at PACU.

Bilateral Superficial cervical plexus block was performed in both the technique , landmark and USG guided by an Anesthetist who was familiar in this technique before induction of anesthesia.

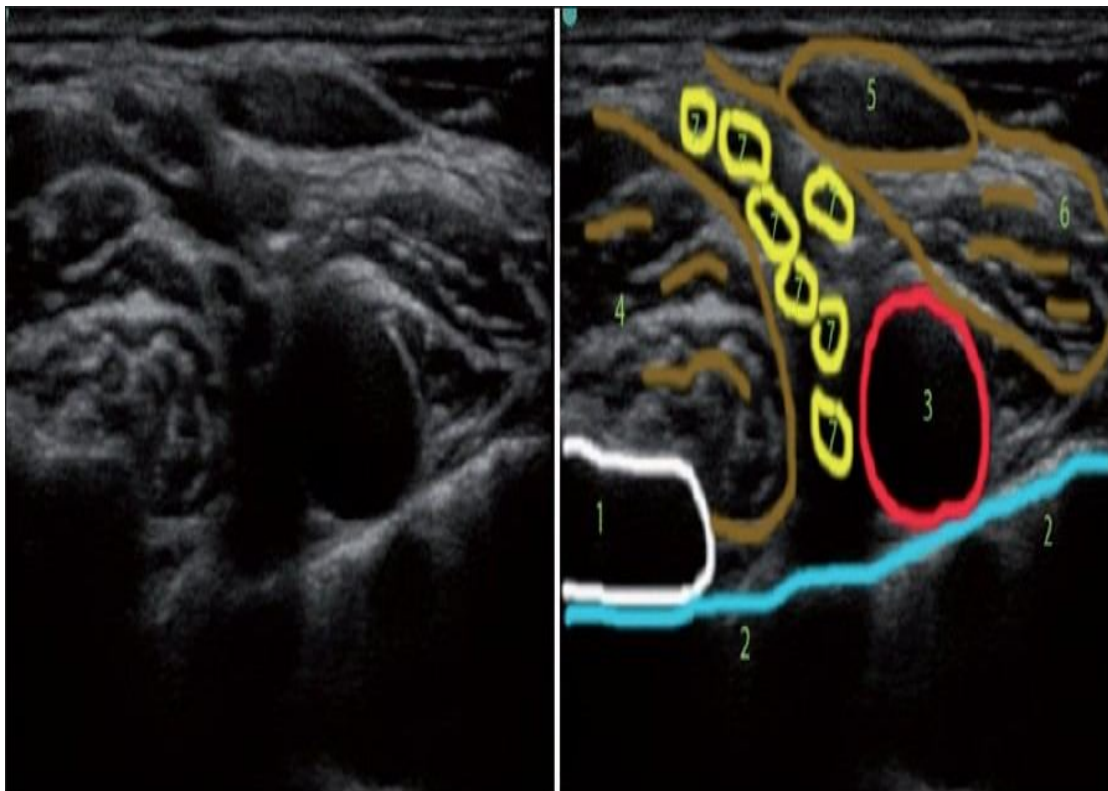
Landmark Technique:



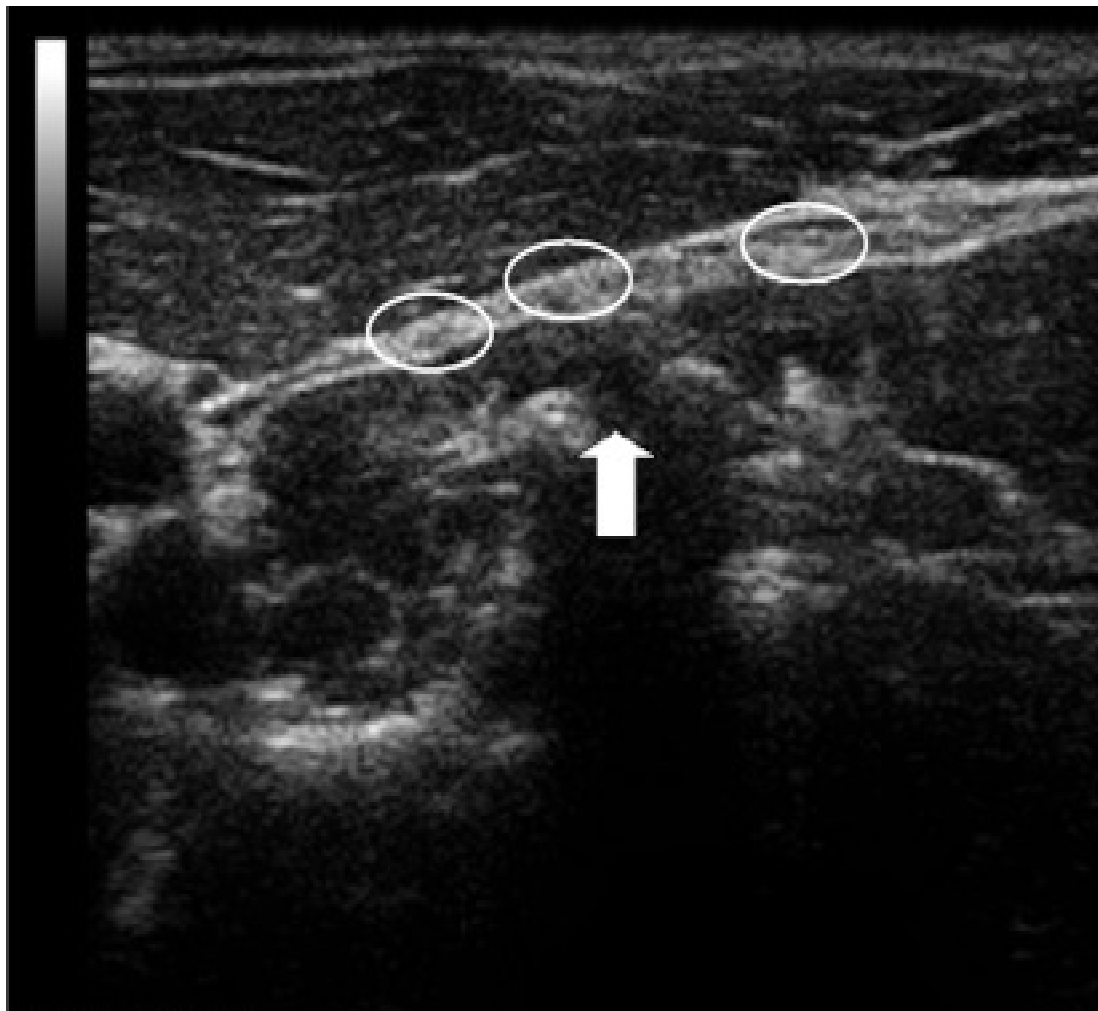
Patient was positioned in the supine, with head turned slightly toward the non-operative side. Under full strict aseptic precaution, needle puncture site was identified as mid portion of the posterior border of the sternocleidomastoid muscle.

25 G block needle inserted at midpoint of the posterior border of the sterno mastoid muscle as described, 2 – 3 ml of 0. 25 % bupivacaine local anesthetic is injected. And then needle is directed upwards towards the mastoid process 4 – 5 ml of local anaesthetic given while withdrawing the needle. Now the needle is being directed towards down to clavicle, 4- 5 ml of local anesthetic is being administered while withdrawing the needle. The same procedure was performed inn opposite side as well⁶.

USG GUIDED TECHNIQUE



In this technique, patient was positioned in lateral side with the operative side upper most. Using Ultrasound , high frequency linear probe(10 – 12 HZ) , mid portion of the sterno mastoid muscle was scanned in a coronal section to identify the inter muscular plane between the sterno mastoid muscle and scalenus muscles. Using a in plane technique 25 G needle was inserted in the inter muscular plane, 10 ml of 0.25 % bupivacaine is injected³³.



PARAMETERS OBSERVED

- 1) Success of technique : It is defined as absence of cold sensation for all 4 branches of superficial cervical plexus at 15 mins.
- 2) Onset time: Time taken for absence of cold sensation after completion of the procedure.
- 3) Performance time :
 - a. Landmark technique- The time interval between the needle puncture and end of local anaesthetic injection.
 - b. USG Guided - The time interval between the contact of USG probe with the acquisition of sono anatomical picture and end of local anesthetic injection.
- 4) Block pain score – using VAS score
- 5) Intra operative Haemodynamics- like HR,NIBP and ,MAP were recorded every 5 mins..
- 6) Post operative Pain Score
- 7) Complication

After 3 mins of 100 % pre oxygenation , patient in supine position, Induction was done with Inj Fentanyl 2 ug / kg , Inj Thiopentone sodium 5 mg / kg . After confirming the possibility of mask ventilation , Inj Atracurium 0.5 mg / kg was given. Then Under direct

laryngoscopy , Patient intubated orally with cuffed flexo metallic endotracheal tube of appropriate size. Position confirmed by 5 point auscultation and ETCO₂ tracing . Anesthesia was maintained with N₂ : O₂ 2 : 1 ratio , Sevoflurane .Intra operative hamodynamics like HR, NIBP , MAP were recorded.

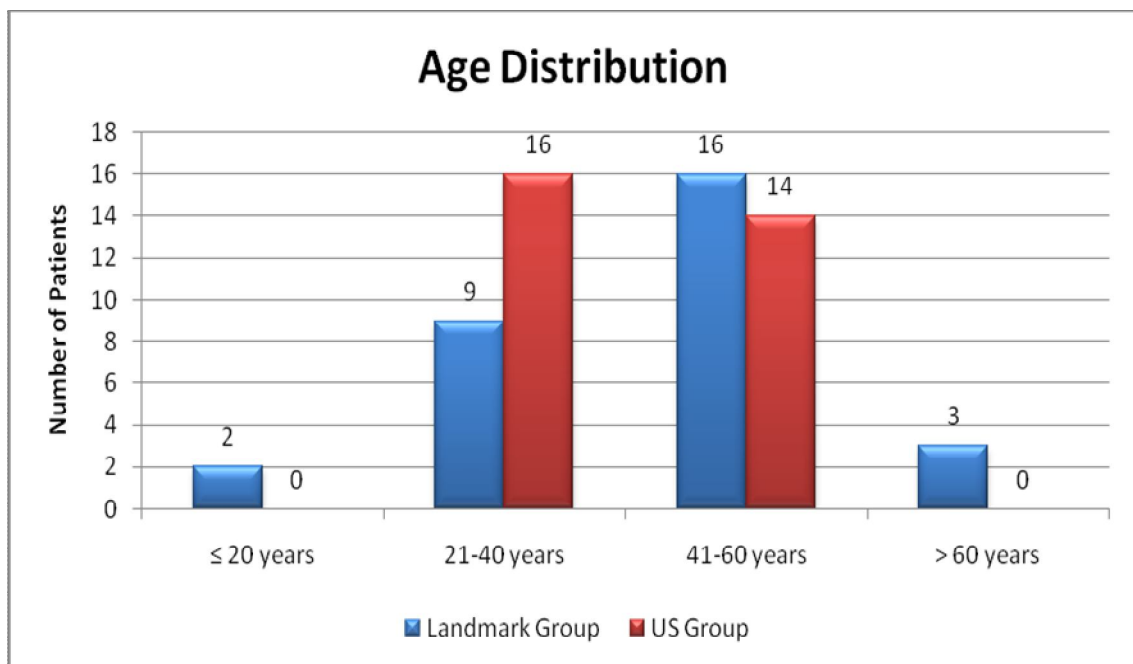
At the end of surgery, Patient was reversed with 50 ug / kg of neostigmine with 10 ug /kg of glycopyrolate I.V. Thorough oral suctioning was done . Patient extubated after adequate neuromuscular recovery.

Patient was shifted to PACU for observation. Pain score was assessed using VAS score for every 5 mins . For patient with VAS score > 4 , rescue analgesia in the form of I.V Acetaminophan 10mg/kg i.v administered. Patient was observed for complication related to procedure and recorded.

DATA ANALYSIS

Descriptive statistics was done for all data and were reported in terms of mean values and percentages. Suitable statistical tests of comparison were done. Continuous variables were analysed with the unpaired t test.. Categorical variables were analysed with the Chi-Square Test and Fisher Exact Test. Statistical significance was taken as $P < 0.05$. The data was analysed using SPSS version 16 and Microsoft Excel 2007.

AGE

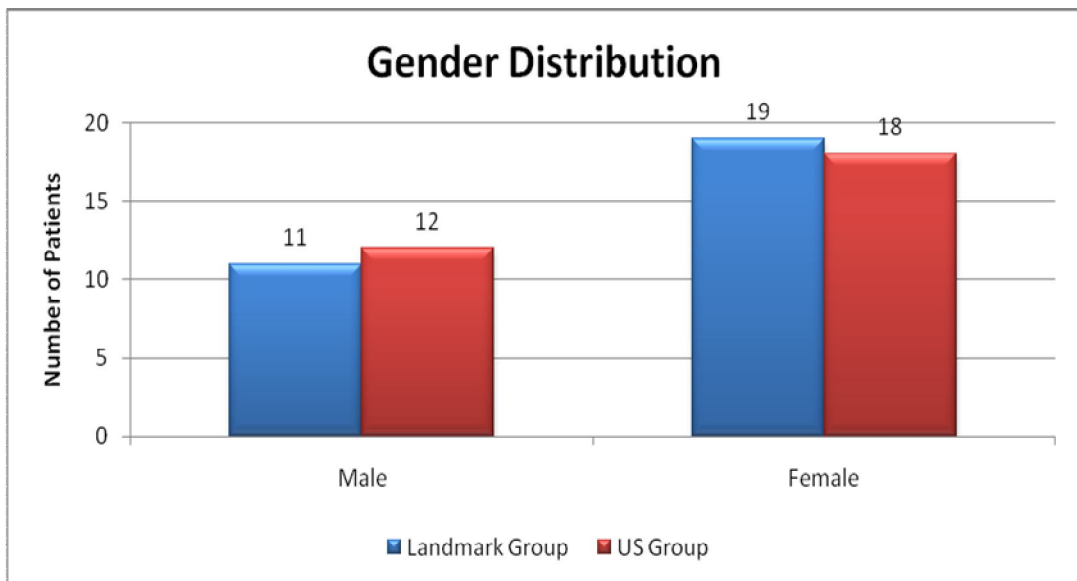


Age Distribution	Landmark Group	Percentage	Ultrasound Group	Percentage
≤ 20 years	2	6.67	0	0.00
21-40 years	9	30.00	16	53.33
41-60 years	16	53.33	14	46.67
> 60 years	3	10.00	0	0.00
Total	30	100	30	100

Age Distribution	Landmark Group	Ultrasound Group
N	30	30
Mean	46.17	41.47
SD	13.34	8.32
P value Unpaired t Test		0.1081

Majority of the Landmark Group patients belonged to the 21-60 years age class interval (n=16, 53.33%) with a mean age of 46.17 years. In the Ultrasound Group patients, majority belonged to the 21-40 years age class interval (n=16, 53.33%) with a mean age of 41.47 years. The association between the intervention groups and age distribution is considered to be not statistically significant since $p > 0.05$ as per unpaired t test.

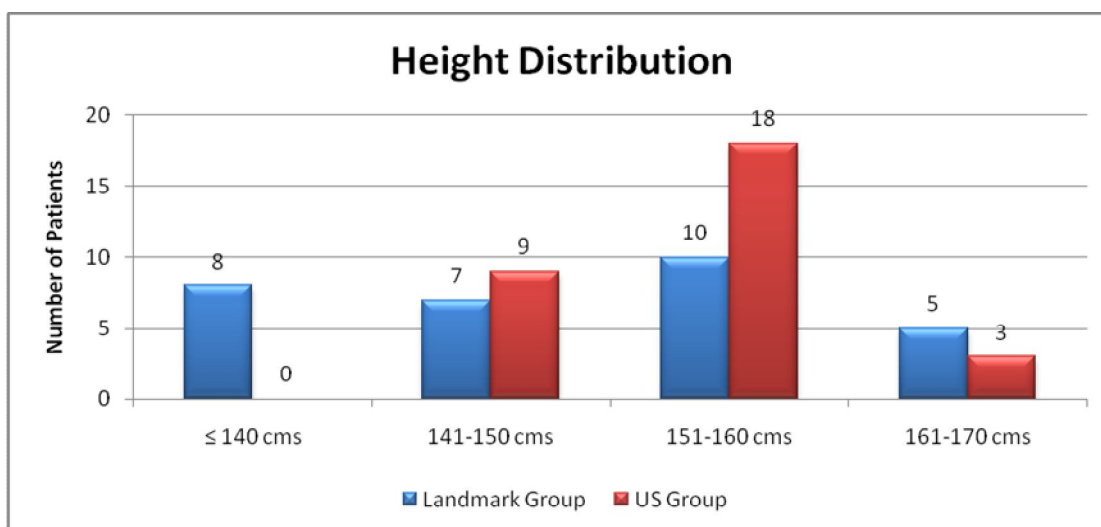
GENDER



Gender Distribution	Landmark Group	Percentage	Ultrasound Group	Percentage
Male	11	36.67	12	40.00
Female	19	63.33	18	60.00
Total	30	100	30	100
P value Chi Squared Test			0.7906	

Majority of the Landmark Group patients belonged to the female gender class interval (n=19, 63.33%). In the Ultrasound Group patients, majority belonged to the same gender class interval (n=18, 60%). The association between the intervention groups and gender distribution is considered to be not statistically significant since $p > 0.05$ as per chi squared test.

HEIGHT



Height Distribution	Landmark Group	Percentage	Ultrasound Group	Percentage
≤ 140 cms	8	26.67	0	0.00
141-150 cms	7	23.33	9	30.00
151-160 cms	10	33.33	18	60.00
161-170 cms	5	16.67	3	10.00
Total	30	100	30	100

Height Distribution	Landmark Group	Ultrasound Group
N	30	30
Mean	152.60	154.67
SD	10.62	5.11
P value Unpaired t Test		0.233

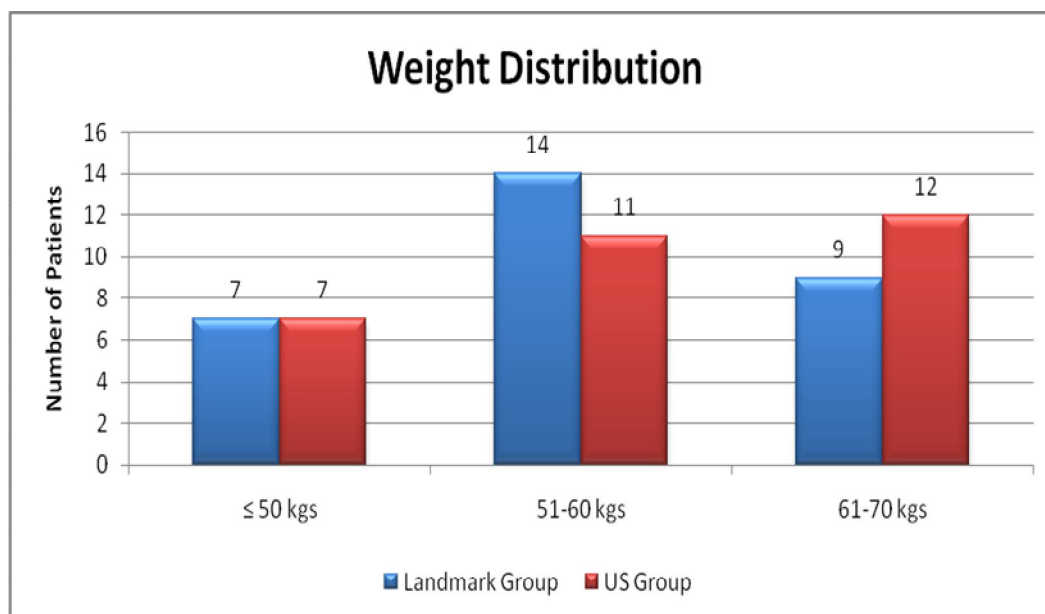
RESULTS

In patients belonging to Landmark Group, the mean height measurement 152.60 cms. In Ultrasound Group, the mean height measurement is 154.67 cms. The decreased mean height measurement in Landmark Group compared to the ULTRASOUND Group is statistically not significant as the p value is 0.233 as per unpaired t- test.

DISCUSSION

The mean height measurement was meaningfully less in Landmark Group compared to the Ultrasound Group by 2.07 cms. The association between the intervention groups and height distribution is considered to be not statistically significant since $p > 0.05$ as per unpaired t test.

Weight

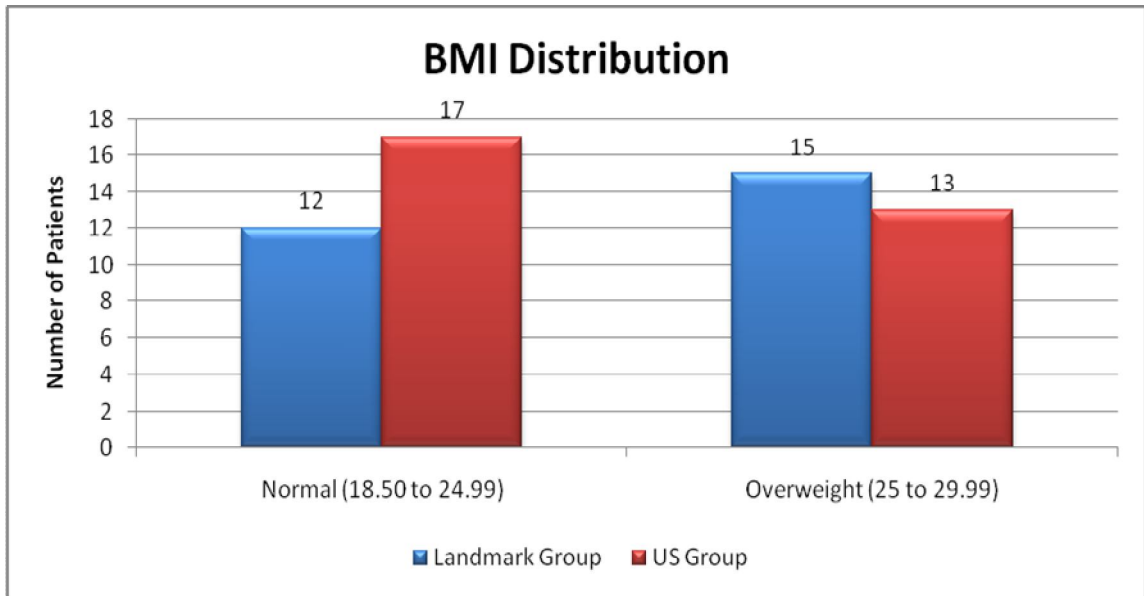


Weight Distribution	Landmark Group	Percentage	Ultrasound Group	Percentage
≤ 50 kgs	7	23.33	7	23.33
51-60 kgs	14	46.67	11	36.67
61-70 kgs	9	30.00	12	40.00
> 70 kgs	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	30	100	30	100

Weight Distribution	Landmark Group	Ultrasound Group
N	30	30
Mean	56.73	57.97
SD	7.71	7.43
P value Unpaired t Test		0.5307

Majority of the Landmark Group patients belonged to the 51-60 kgs weight class interval (n=14, 46.67%) with a mean weight of 56.73 kgs. In the Ultrasound Group patients, majority belonged to the 61-70 kgs weight class interval (n=12, 40%) with a mean weight of 57.97 kgs. The association between the intervention groups and weight distribution is considered to be not statistically significant since $p > 0.05$ as per unpaired t test.

BMI

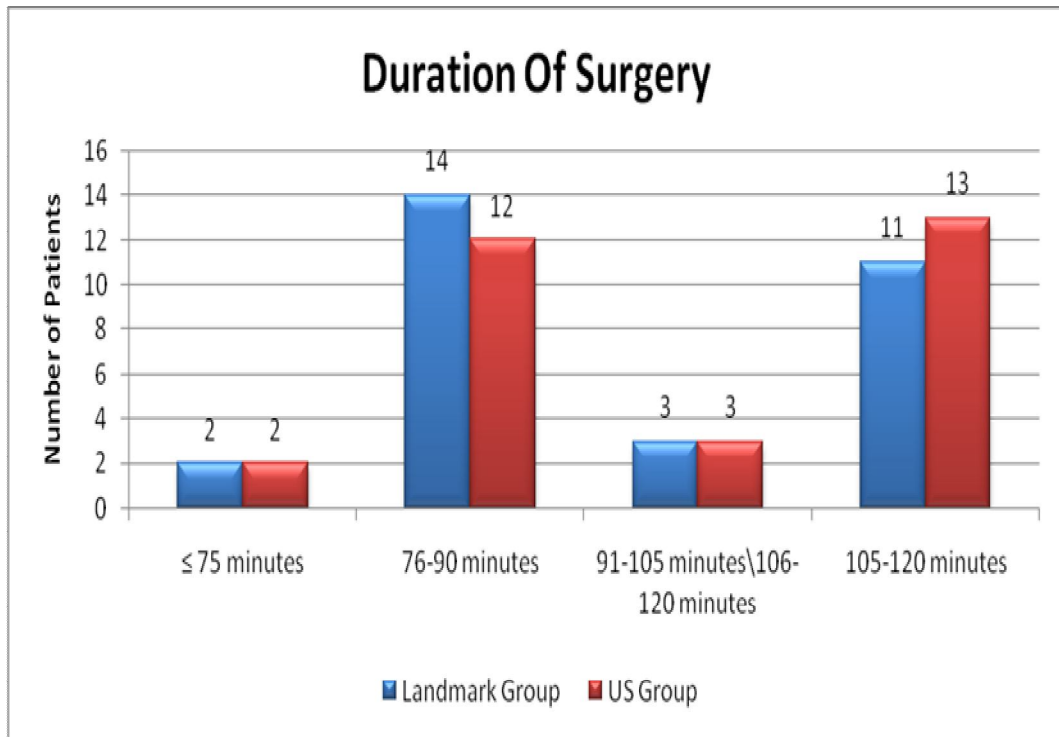


BMI Distribution	Landmark Group	Percentage	Ultrasound Group	Percentage
Underweight (≤ 18.49)	0	0.00	0	0.00
Normal (18.50 to 24.99)	15	50.00	17	56.67
Overweight (25 to 29.99)	15	50.00	13	43.33
Obese	0	10.00	0	0.00
Total	30	100	30	100

BMI Distribution	Landmark Group	Ultrasound Group
N	30	30
Mean	24.63	24.10
SD	2.78	1.83
p value Unpaired t Test		0.0675

Majority of the Landmark Group patients belonged to the overweight BMI class interval (n=15, 50%) with a mean BMI of 24.63. In the Ultrasound Group patients, majority belonged to the normal BMI class interval (n=17, 56.67%) with a mean BMI of 24.10. The association between the intervention groups and BMI distribution is considered to be not statistically significant since $p > 0.05$ as per unpaired t test.

DURATION OF SURGERY

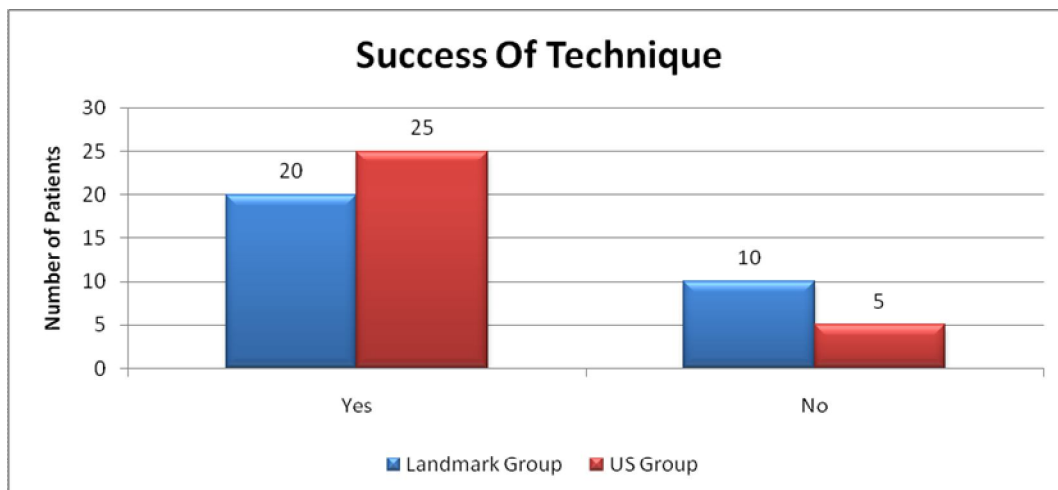


Duration Of Surgery	Landmark Group	Percentage	Ultrasound Group	Percentage
≤ 75 minutes	2	6.67	2	6.67
76-90 minutes	14	46.67	12	40.00
91-105 minutes\106-120 minutes	3	10.00	3	10.00
105-120 minutes	11	36.67	13	43.33
Total	30	100	30	100

Duration Of Surgery	Landmark Group	Ultrasound Group
N	30	30
Mean	96.83	97.50
SD	15.51	16.54
p value Unpaired t Test		0.8726

Majority of the Landmark Group patients belonged to the 76-90 minutes duration of surgery class interval (n=14, 46.67%) with a mean duration of surgery of 96.83 minutes. In the Ultrasound 40%) with a mean duration of surgery of 97.50 minutes. The association between the intervention groups and duration of surgery distribution is considered to be not statistically significant since the p value is < 0.05 .

SUCCESS OF TECHNIQUE



Success Of Technique	Landmark Group	Percentage	Ultrasound Group	Percentage
Yes	20	66.67	25	83.33
No	10	33.33	5	16.67
Total	30	100	30	100
p value Chi Squared Test			0.0460	

Majority of the Landmark Group patients belonged to the successful technique class interval (n=20, 66.67%). In the Ultrasound Group patients, majority belonged to the successful technique class interval (n=25, 80.33%). The association between the intervention groups and success of technique is considered to be statistically significant since $p < 0.05$ as per chi squared test

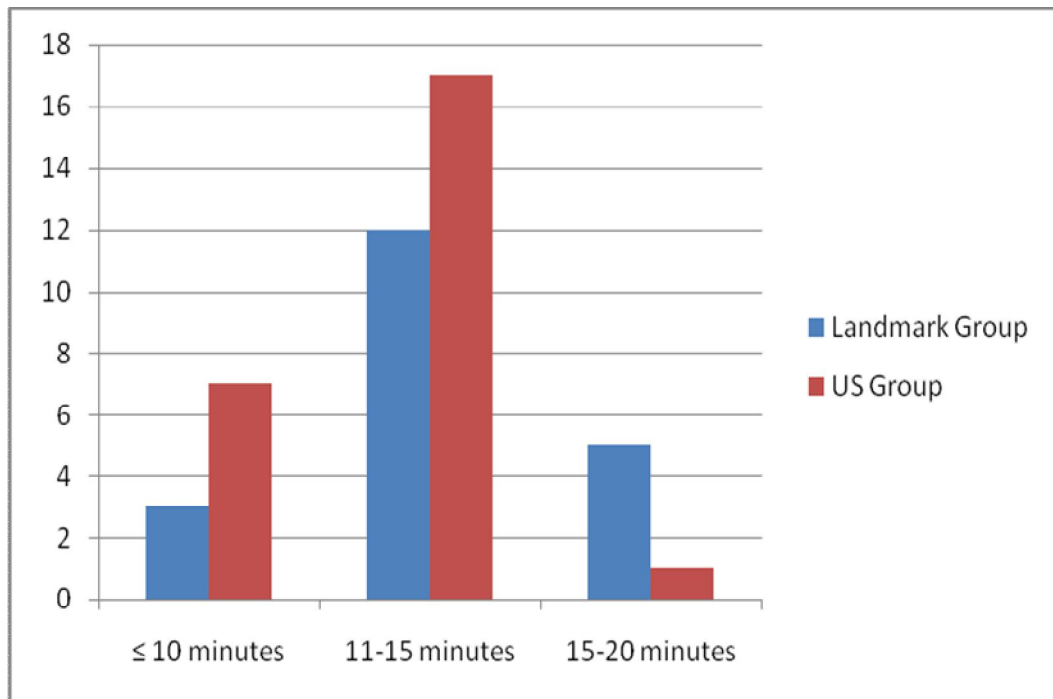
DISCUSSION

The mean success rate was meaningfully less in Landmark Group compared to the Ultrasound Group. This significant difference of 20% decrease in success rate in Landmark Group compared to the Ultrasound Group is true and has not occurred by chance.

CONCLUSION

In this study we can safely conclude that success rate was significantly and consistently higher in Ultrasound guided Group compared to the landmark technique group preoperatively.

ONSET TIME



ONSET TIME

Onset Time	Landmark Group	Percentage	Ultrasound Group	Percentage
≤ 10 minutes	3	15.00	7	28.00
11-15 minutes	12	60.00	17	68.00
15-20 minutes	5	25.00	1	4.00
Total	20	100	25	100

Onset Time	Landmark Group	Ultrasound Group
N	20	25
Mean	16.20	11.12
SD	2.20	1.15
p value Unpaired t Test		0.0013

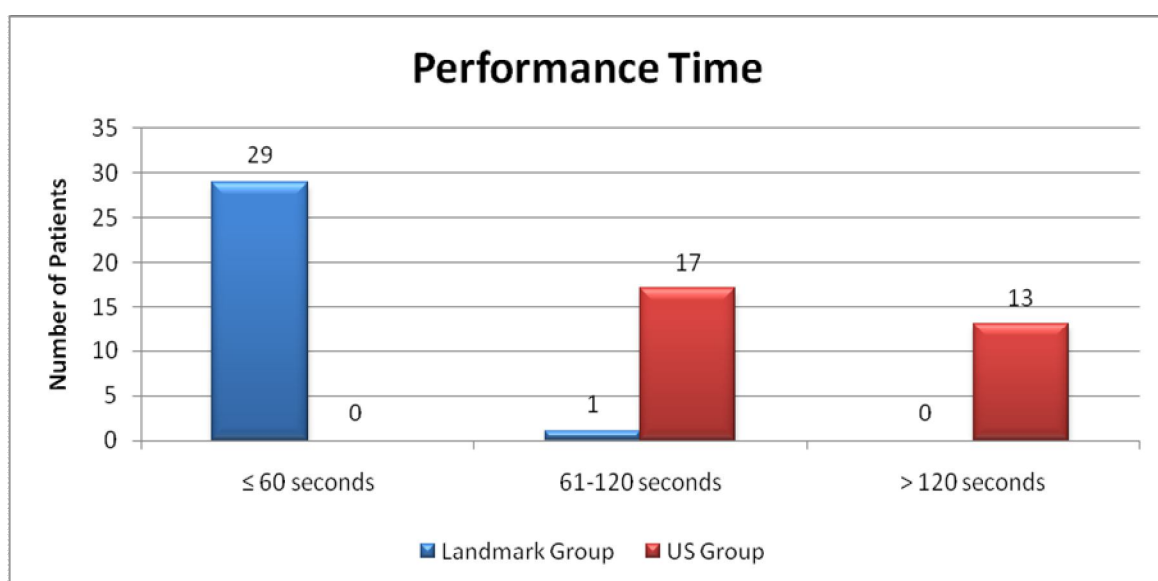
RESULTS

In patients belonging to Landmark Group, the mean onset time measurement is 16.20 minutes. In Ultrasound Group, the mean onset time measurement is 11.12 minutes. The decreased mean onset time measurement in Ultrasound Group compared to the Landmark Group is statistically significant as the p value is 0.0013 as per unpaired t- test indicating a true difference among study groups.

CONCLUSION

In this study we can safely conclude that mean onset time measurement was significantly and consistently more in Landmark Group compared to the ultrasound Group preoperatively.

PERFORMANCE TIME



Performance Time	Landmark Group	Percentage	Ultrasound Group	Percentage
≤ 60 seconds	29	96.67	0	0.00
61-120 seconds	1	3.33	17	56.67
>120 seconds	0	0.00	13	43.33
151-200 seconds	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	30	100	30	100

Performance Time	Landmark Group	Ultrasound Group
N	30	30
Mean	45.73	119.83
SD	9.44	16.21
p value Unpaired t Test		0.0001

RESULTS

In patients belonging to Landmark Group, the mean performance time measurement is 45.73 seconds. In Ultrasound Group, the mean performance time measurement is 119.83 seconds. The decreased mean performance time measurement in Landmark Group compared to the Ultrasound Group is statistically significant as the p value is 0.0001 as per unpaired t- test indicating a true difference among study groups.

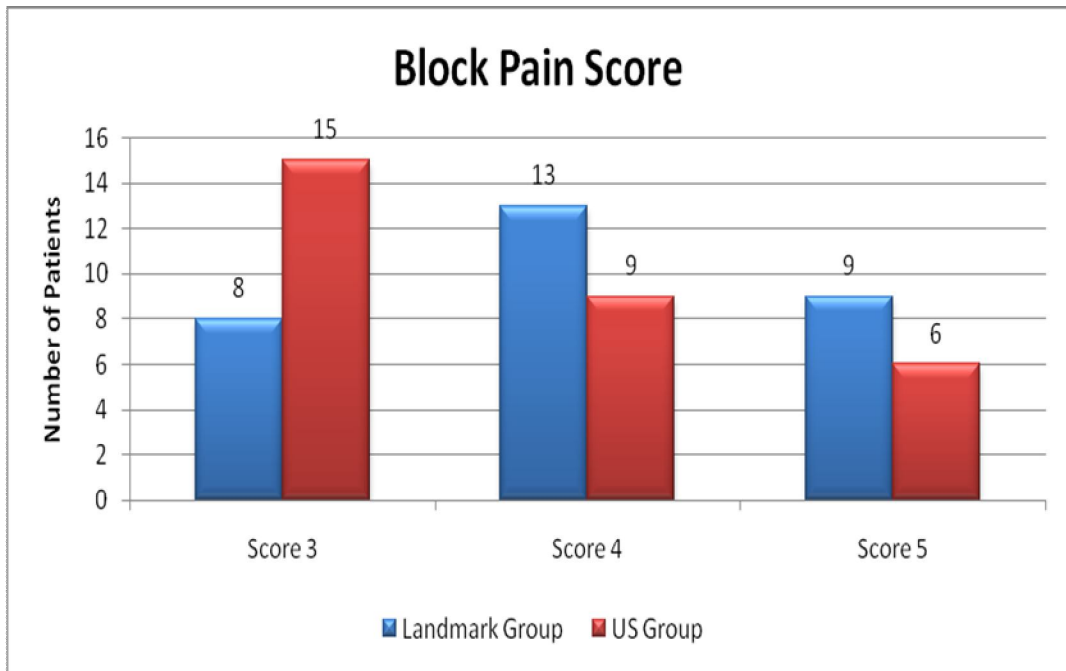
DISCUSSION

The mean performance time measurement was meaningfully less in Landmark Group compared to the Ultrasound Group by 1.92 minutes. This significant difference of 14% decrease in mean performance time measurement in Landmark Group compared to the Ultrasound Group is true and has not occurred by chance.

CONCLUSION

In this study we can safely conclude that mean performance time measurement was significantly and consistently lower in Landmark Group compared to the Ultrasound Group preoperatively.

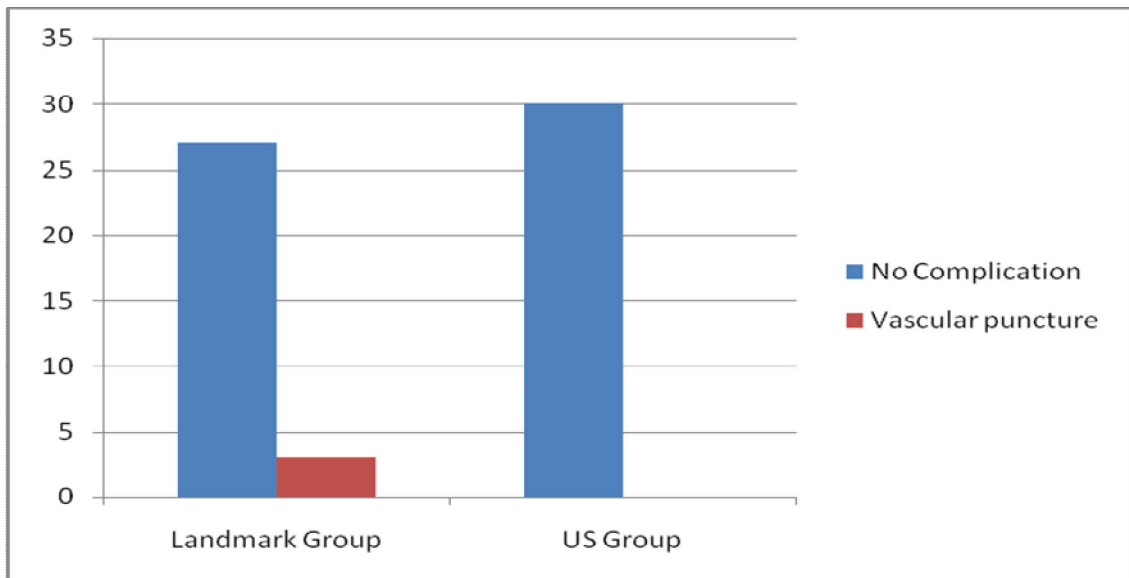
BLOCK PAIN SCORE



Block Pain Score	Landmark Group	Percentage	Ultrasound Group	Percentage
Score 3	8	26.67	15	50.00
Score 4	13	43.33	9	30.00
Score 5	9	30.00	6	20.00
Total	30	100	30	100
P value Chi Squared Test			0.1777	

Majority of the Landmark Group patients belonged to the block pain score 4 class interval (n=13, 65%). In the ULTRASOUND Group patients, majority belonged to the block pain score 3 class interval (n=15, 60%). The association between the intervention groups and block pain scoring is considered to be not statistically significant since $p > 0.05$ as per chi squared test

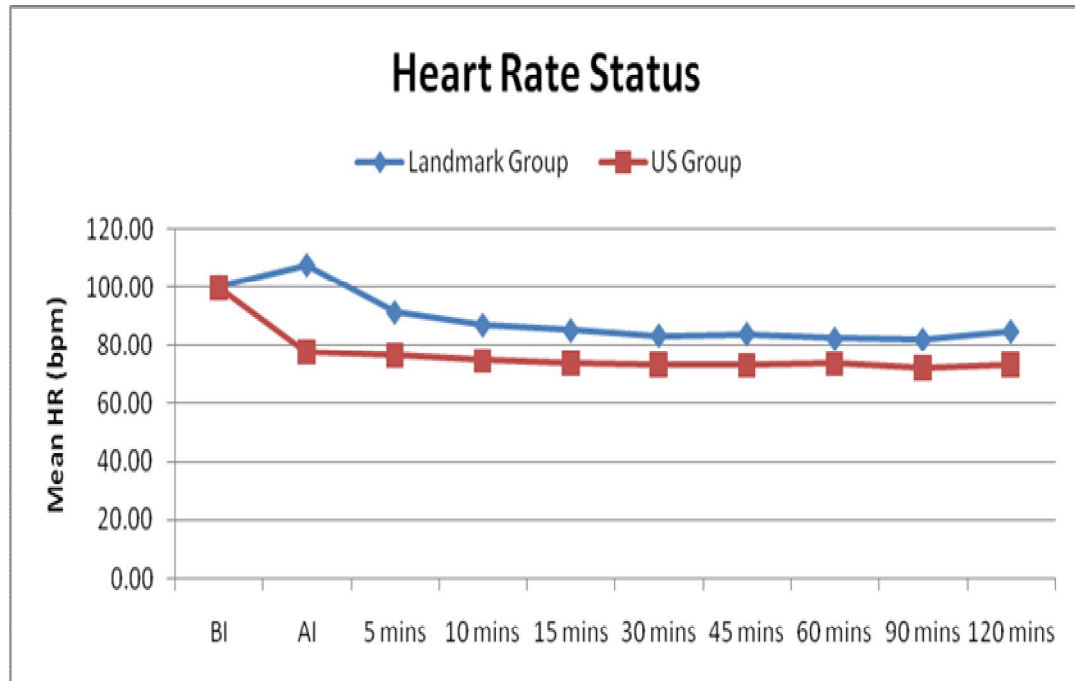
COMPLICATIONS



Complications	Landmark Group	Percentage	Ultrasound Group	Percentage
No Complication	27	90.00	30	100.00
Vascular puncture	3	10.00	0	0.00
Total	30	100	30	100
p value Chi Squared Test			0.9999	

In Landmark technique group, 3 out of 30 patient had vascular puncture where as none had vascular puncture in Ultrasound technique group. The association between the intervention groups and complications is considered to be not statistically significant since $p > 0.05$ as per chi squared test.

HEART RATE



Heart Rate Status		BI	AI	5 mins	10 mins	15 mins
Landmark Group	N	30	30	30	30	30
	Mean	100.37	107.67	91.37	87.07	85.23
	SD	13.43	12.60	14.21	13.05	14.04
Ultrasound Group	N	30	30	30	30	30
	Mean	100.07	77.80	76.87	75.03	74.30
	SD	11.81	8.66	10.01	8.50	8.07
P value Unpaired t Test		0.9271	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0006

Heart Rate Status		30 mins	45 mins	60 mins	90 mins	120 mins
Landmark Group	N	30	30	30	27	23
	Mean	83.50	84.03	82.40	82.11	84.91
	SD	15.27	15.57	15.76	14.71	14.18
ULTRASOUND Group	N	30	30	30	30	28
	Mean	73.57	73.30	73.83	72.40	73.50
	SD	8.62	8.85	9.89	8.60	9.80
P value Unpaired t Test		0.0033	0.0020	0.0150	0.0046	0.0023

RESULTS

By conventional criteria the association between the intervention groups and heart rate is considered to be statistically significant since $p < 0.05$ as per unpaired t test. In simple terms, in patients belonging to landmark group, the mean HR is increased to an average of 123.93 88.87 bpm in comparison with patients belonging Ultrasound group in whom the mean HR is an average of 77.07 bpm

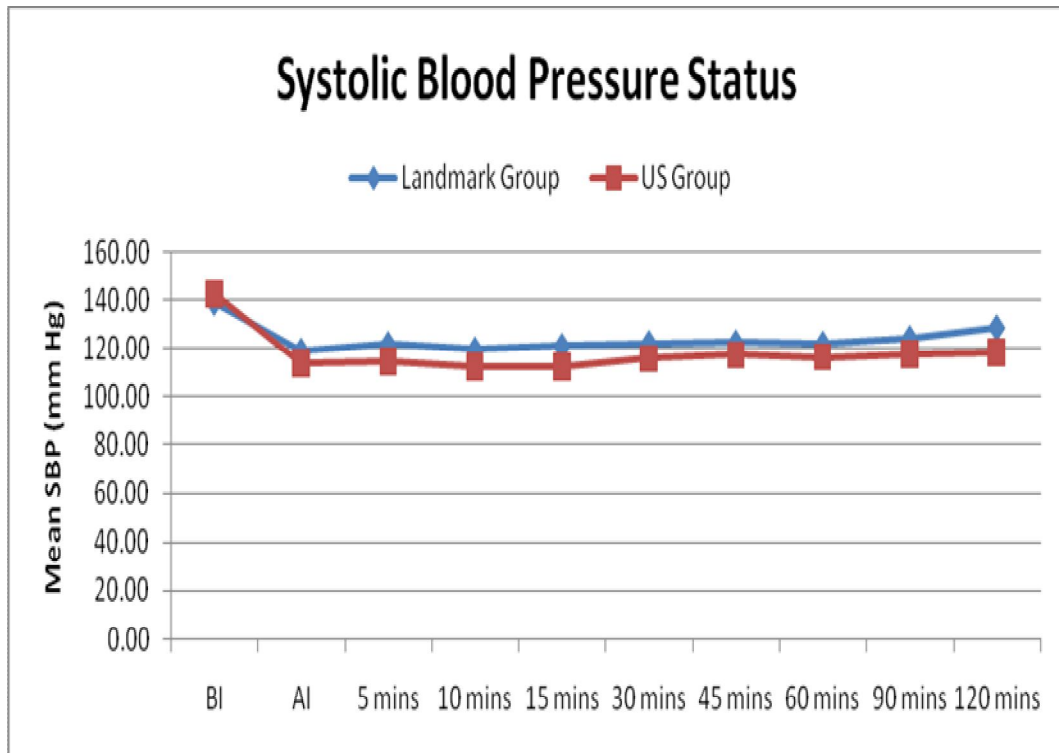
DISCUSSION

The mean HR was meaningfully more in landmark group compared to ULTRASOUND group by a mean difference of 11.80 bpm. This significant difference of 1.15 times increase in mean HR in landmark group compared to ULTRASOUND group is true and has not occurred by chance. This indicates that there is a true difference among intervention groups and the difference is significant with a p-value of 0.0000 according to unpaired t-test.

CONCLUSION

In this study we can safely conclude that landmark group results in significantly increased mean HR compared to ULTRASOUND group.

SYSTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE



Systolic Blood Pressure StatUltrasound		BI	AI	5 mins	10 mins	15 mins
Landmark Group	N	30	30	30	30	30
	Mean	139.10	119.00	121.70	119.47	120.90
	SD	17.03	15.83	17.89	16.47	17.65
ULTRASOUND Group	N	30	30	30	30	30
	Mean	142.93	114.30	115.03	112.83	112.73
	SD	10.03	8.69	7.36	9.43	9.51
P value Unpaired t Test		0.2935	0.1609	0.0666	0.0618	0.0308

Systolic Blood Pressure Status		30 mins	45 mins	60 mins	90 mins	120 mins
Landmark Group	N	30	30	30	27	23
	Mean	122.13	122.37	121.83	124.22	128.61
	SD	14.74	11.87	11.23	12.97	14.45
ULTRASOUND Group	N	30	30	30	30	28
	Mean	116.13	117.63	116.77	117.77	118.68
	SD	8.59	8.86	8.97	9.10	10.97
P value Unpaired t Test		0.0601	0.0857	0.0587	0.0366	0.0097

RESULTS

By conventional criteria the association between the intervention groups and systolic blood pressure is considered to be statistically significant at 15, 90 and 120 minutes since $p < 0.05$ as per unpaired t test. In simple terms, in patients belonging to landmark group, the mean SBP is increased to an average of 123.93 mm Hg in comparison with patients belonging ULTRASOUND group in whom the mean SBP is an average of 118.48 mm Hg.

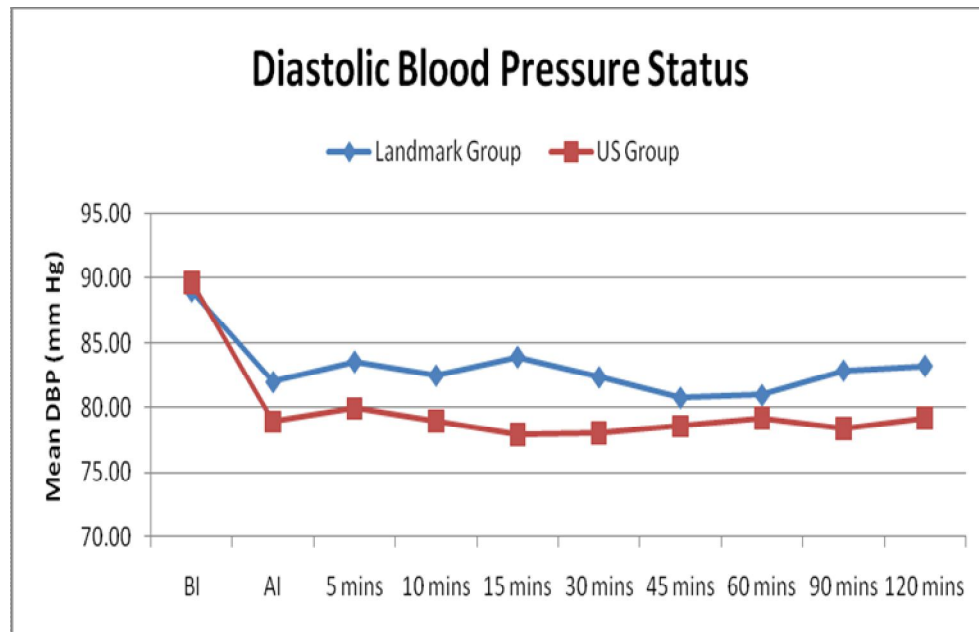
DISCUSSION

The mean SBP was meaningfully more in landmark group compared to ULTRASOUND group by a mean difference of 5.45 mm Hg. This significant difference of 1.05 times increase in mean SBP in landmark group compared to ULTRASOUND group is true and has not occurred by chance. This indicates that there is a true difference among intervention groups and the difference is significant with a p-value of 0.0308, 0.0366 and 0.0097 according to unpaired t-test.

CONCLUSION

In this study we can safely conclude that landmark group results in significantly increased mean SBP compared to ULTRASOUND group

DIASTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE

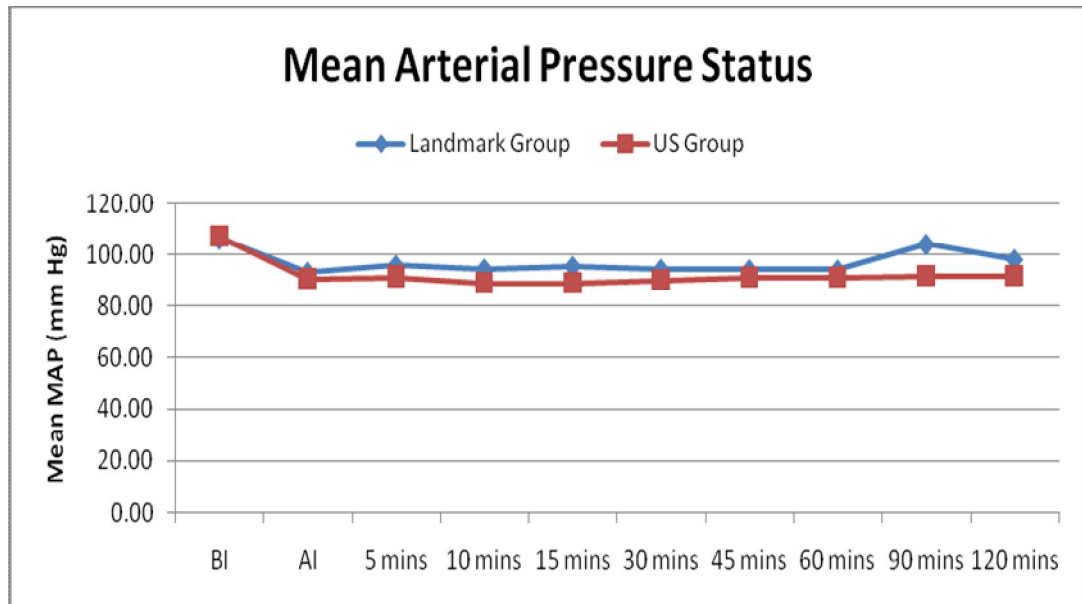


Diastolic Blood Pressure Status		BI	AI	5 mins	10 mins	15 mins
Landmark Group	N	30	30	30	30	30
	Mean	89.00	81.97	83.53	82.47	83.90
	SD	8.73	11.90	14.37	13.40	14.29
ULTRASOUND Group	N	30	30	30	30	30
	Mean	89.70	78.87	79.90	78.90	77.87
	SD	7.97	7.17	7.70	7.79	8.16
p value Unpaired t Test		0.7470	0.2276	0.2286	0.2138	0.0505

Diastolic Blood Pressure Status		30 mins	45 mins	60 mins	90 mins	120 mins
Landmark Group	N	30	30	30	27	23
	Mean	82.33	80.73	80.93	82.85	83.22
	SD	10.35	8.63	8.17	9.72	8.38
Ultrasound Group	N	30	30	30	30	28
	Mean	78.03	78.53	79.13	78.33	79.18
	SD	8.92	8.80	7.07	8.94	7.73
P value Unpaired t Test		0.0901	0.3321	0.3654	0.0744	0.0829

Majority of the Landmark Group patients belonged had a mean diastolic blood pressure of 83.09 mm Hg.. In the ULTRASOUND group patients had a mean DBP of 79.84 mm Hg. The association between the intervention groups and DBP is considered to be not statistically significant since $p > 0.05$ as per unpaired t test

MAP



Mean Arterial Pressure Status		BI	AI	5 mins	10 mins	15 mins
Landmark Group	N	30	30	30	30	30
	Mean	106.37	93.43	96.13	94.67	95.73
	SD	9.90	12.58	15.36	14.47	15.32
ULTRASOUND Group	N	30	30	30	30	30
	Mean	107.33	90.63	91.50	89.10	89.07
	SD	7.99	7.85	8.11	8.62	8.70
P value Unpaired t Test		0.6790	0.3063	0.1511	0.0766	0.0439

Mean Arterial Pressure Status		30 mins	45 mins	60 mins	90 mins	120 mins
Landmark Group	N	30	30	30	28	23
	Mean	94.60	94.40	94.33	104.32	98.39
	SD	12.13	9.82	8.83	59.97	9.81
ULTRASOUND Group	N	30	30	30	30	28
	Mean	90.00	91.30	91.07	91.80	91.86
	SD	9.20	8.77	7.28	7.55	8.37
P value Unpaired t Test		0.1038	0.2023	0.1236	0.2822	0.0152

RESULTS

By conventional criteria the association between the intervention groups and mean arterial pressure is considered to be statistically significant at 15 and 120 minutes since $p < 0.05$ as per unpaired t test. In simple terms, in patients belonging to landmark group, the mean MAP is increased to an average of 97.24 mm Hg in comparison with patients belonging ULTRASOUND group in whom the mean MAP is an average of 92.3 mm Hg.

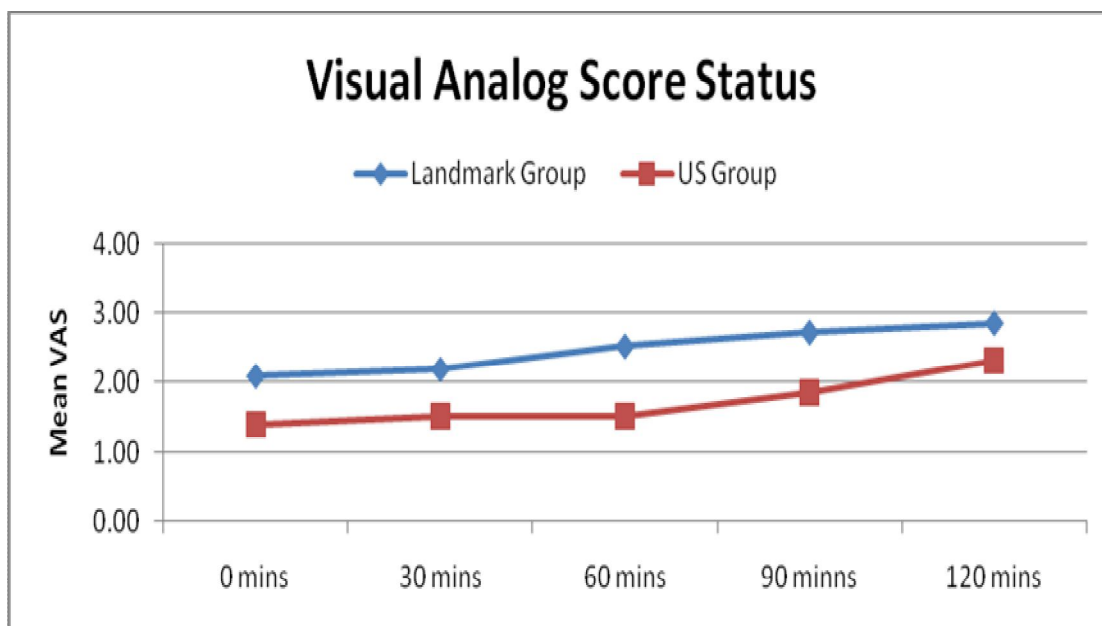
DISCUSSION

The mean MAP was meaningfully more in landmark group compared to ULTRASOUND group by a mean difference of 4.87 mm Hg. This significant difference of 1.05 times increase in mean MAP in landmark group compared to ULTRASOUND group is true and has not occurred by chance. This indicates that there is a true difference among intervention groups and the difference is significant with a p-value of 0.0439 and 0.0152 according to unpaired t-test.

CONCLUSION

In this study we can safely conclude that landmark group results in significantly increased mean MAP compared to ULTRASOUND group.

VAS



Visual Analog Score Status		0 mins	30 mins	60 mins	90 minns	120 mins
Landmark Group	N	30	30	30	30	30
	Mean	2.10	2.20	2.53	2.73	2.87
	SD	0.76	0.71	0.78	1.05	0.97
ULTRASOUND Group	N	30	30	30	30	30
	Mean	1.40	1.53	1.53	1.87	2.33
	SD	0.67	0.73	0.73	0.78	0.48
P value Unpaired t Test		0.0004	0.0007	0.0000	0.0006	0.0101

RESULTS

By conventional criteria the association between the intervention groups and Visual Analog Score is considered to be statistically significant since $p < 0.05$ as per unpaired t test. In simple terms, in patients belonging to landmark group, the mean Visual Analog Score is increased to an average of 2.49 points in comparison with patients belonging ULTRASOUND group in whom the mean Visual Analog Score is an average of 1.73 points.

DISCUSSION

The mean Visual Analog Score was meaningfully more in landmark group compared to Ultrasound group by a mean difference of 0.75 points. This significant difference of 1.43 times increase in mean Visual Analog Score in landmark group compared to Ultrasound group is true and has not occurred by chance. This indicates that there is a true difference among intervention groups and the difference is significant with a p-value of 0.0004, 0.0395, 0.0007, 0.0000, 0.0006 and 0.0101 according to unpaired t-test.

CONCLUSION

In this study we can safely conclude that landmark group results in significantly higher mean Visual Analog Score compared to Ultrasound group

DISCUSSION

The observation and results revealed a clear benefit from ultrasound- guided technique than the land mark guided technique for bilateral superficial cervical plexus block. This is manifested as higher success rate , faster onset time , lesser complication rate. These findings are similar to results previously published studies and meta analysis of randomized controlled studies comparing these two techniques.

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

This present study included the patient posted for total thyroidectomy. The demographic profile of our patients was comparable in both the groups with the respect to age , BMI , ASA Physical status . There is no difference in the duration of surgery among the two groups.

SUCCESS RATE

A study done by De Q .H Tran M.D, Shubhuda Dugani compared the ultrasound – guided and land mark based technique for superficial cervical plexus block. Success of the technique was defined as absence of cold sensation for all four branches of superficial cervical plexus . In their study , Ultrasound – guided approach yields a higher success rate (85%) than land mark technique(80%) . The present study , ultrasound – guided technique yields a higher success rate of 83% , where as land mark technique group attains a success rate of 67%. The difference was found to be statistically significant since the p- value is < 0.05 as per chi squared test .This correlates with the study results done previously.

ONSET TIME

A study done by De Q .H Tran M.D, Shubhuda Dugani compared the onset time between the two groups .i.e ultrasound guided and landmark technique . Onset time was defined as time required to attain the success rate. They have found in their study that there was no significant difference in onset time between the two groups.

In present study, It was found that, the onset time was significantly lower in ultra-sound guided group (11.12 mins) than the land mark technique group (16.20). The difference was found to be statistically significant since the p- value is since $p < 0.05$ as per chi squared test.

PERFORMANCE TIME

A study done by De Q .H Tran M.D, Shubhuda Dugani Performance time was compared between the two groups. In ULTRASOUND Group, performance time was defined as time taken for acquisition of satisfactory ultrasound picture and deposition of local anesthetic solution . In Land mark technique group, it was defined as time taken for needling and deposition of local anesthetic solution. They have found that performance time was significantly higher in ultrasound group than land mark technique group.

In present study, performance time was 119 sec in Ultrasound group and 45 sec in land mark group. This was statistically significant since p- value is < 0.05 as per chi squared test. This is similar to results seen in previous studies.

BLOCK PAIN SCORE

A study done by De Q .H Tran M.D, Shubhuda Dugani Block pain score was recorded Using VAS Score. A Score of 3 to 5 was noted in all patients. There was no significant difference in VAS score between the two groups.

The present study, Majority of patient in both group i. e Land mark technique and ultrasound guide group had a VAS score of 3 to 5. It was found that there was no significant difference in VAS score between the two groups since the p- value is < 0.05 as per chi squared test.

COMPLICATIONS

A study done by De Q .H Tran M.D, Shubhuda Dugani ,no incidence of vascular puncture, horner syndrome ,and local anesthetic toxicity noted. One patient in ULTRASOUND group developed hoarseness of voice and difficulty in swallowing .one patient in land mark group developed brachial palsy.

The present study, incidence of complications were compared between landmark technique and Ultrasound guided technique group. Three cases of vascular puncture were noted in land mark group and none in ultrasound group. No incidence of local anesthetic toxicity , Horner syndrome and unilateral phrenic nerve palsy were noted in any of the group..

HEMODYNAMIC STABILITY

A study done by De Q .H Tran M.D, Shubhuda Dugani compared the intra operative vitals between the two groups. The results showed no significant difference in intra operative hamodynamics. The present study, since Ultrasound guided technique increase the success rate , hemodynamic stability was better in USG Guided group than land mark technique group.

In this study, HR , SBP, DBP, and MAP during intra operative are well controlled in ULTRASOUND Group than the land mark group.

POST OPERATIVE VAS SCORE

The VAS score in ULTRASOUND group is better than landmark technique group. Patients belonging to landmark group, the mean Visual Analog Score is increased to an average of 2.49 points in comparison with patients belonging ULTRASOUND group in whom the mean Visual Analog Score is an average of 1.73 points. This is statistically significant since the p value is < 0.05

SUMMARY

In this study comparing landmark technique and ultrasound – guided technique for superficial cervical plexus block . The following parameters were observed. Success of technique, onset time , Performance time ,Block pain score , Intra operative hemodynamics , post operative VAS score and complication rate

1. Success rate :

Ultrasound- guided Group - 83%

Land mark technique Group – 67 %

There is significant increase in success rate in ultrasound group.

2. Onset time :

Ultrasound –guided Group – 11.12 mins

Land mark technique Group – 16.20 mins

There is significant faster onset time in ULTRASOUND group.

3. Performance time :

Ultrasound - guided group - 119.83 sec

Land mark technique group - 45.73 sec

There is significant increase in performance time in Ultrasound group.

4. Block pain score

Ultrasound- guided group - 3 to 4

Land mark technique group- 3 to 5

No significant statistical difference noted between the two groups.

5. Hemodynamic stability : Intra – operative hemodynamic was better in Ultrasound group than Land mark technique group and this was statistically significant.

6. VAS Score : Pain relief was better in ultrasound guided technique than Land mark technique group. VAS score was lower in ultrasound group and this was statistically significant.

5. Complication rate : Three cases of vascular puncture noted in Landmark technique Group. No complication reported in ultrasound guided technique group.

CONCLUSION

Bilateral Superficial Cervical Plexus block performed by Ultrasound guided in this study results in higher success rate , faster onset time , better hemodynamic and this technique is safe and reliable when compared to land mark technique in patients undergoing thyroid surgery.

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PROFORMA

NAME:

DATE:

AGE:

SEX:

IP NO:

DIAGNOSIS:

SURGICAL PROCEDURE DONE:

Ht: cms

CVS:

RS:

Wt: kgs

BT:

CT:

Hb: g% Platelets:

PRE OP ASSESSMENT:

HISTORY: Any Co-morbid illness

 H/O bleeding diathesis

 H/o allergy to local anaesthetics

 H/O previous surgeries

PRE OP: HR- /MIN BP- / mmHg

MEAN- mmHg sPo2- %

MEASURES OF STUDY OUTCOME:

Success of the technique – Yes/ No

Onset time - mins

Performance time - sec

Block pain score –

Intra operative haemodynamics:

	HR	SBP	DBP	MAP	RR	Spo2	VAS SCORE
PRE OP							
INTRA OP (AT THE TIME OF BLOCK)							
1 MIN							
5 MIN							
10 MIN							
15 MIN							
30 MIN							
1 HR							
2 HR							
4 HR							
5 HR							
6 HR							
8 HR							
10 HR							
12 HR							
24 HR							

COMPLICATION

RESCUE ANALGESICS USED

INFORMATION TO PARTICIPENTS

Investigator : Dr PRAKASH V

Name of the Participant:

Title : A Prospective, randomized study comparing ultrasound-guided and landmark based technique for superficial cervical plexus block in patient undergoing thyroid surgeries.

You are invited to take part in this research study. We have got approval from the IEC. Your are asked to participate because you satisfy the eligibility criteria. We want to compare and study the safety and efficacy of ultrasound-guided and landmark based superficial cervical plexus block in patient undergoing thyroid surgery

What is the Purpose of the Research:

For Thyroid surgeries, superficial cervical plexus block performed using ultrasound and landmark based technique to study

- To assess the success rate and onset time
- Performance time and number of needle passes
- Intra operative opioid requirement
- Post operative visual analogue scale pain score
- To assess complication rate

The Study Design:

All the patients in the study will be divided into two groups.

Group1- pre operative superficial cervical plexus block using landmark based technique

Group 2- pre operative superficial cervical plexus block using ultrasound technique

All patients will be given general anaesthesia

Benefits

Superficial cervical plexus block improves intra operative hemodynamic, reduces opioid requirement, causes post operative pain relief.

Discomforts and risks

Intravascular local anaesthetic injection

Damage to neuro vascular structure

Seizures can occur – since the drug will be given based on calculated maximum allowable dose

this complication does not occur.

This intervention has been shown to be well tolerated as shown by previous studies. And if you do not want to participate you will have alternative of setting the standard treatment and your safety is our prime concern.

Time :
Date :
Place :

Signature / Thumb Impression of Patient
Patient Name:

Signature of the Investigator : _____

Name of the Investigator : _____

PATIENT CONSENT FORM

Study title : "A Prospective, randomized study comparing ultrasound-guided and landmark based technique for superficial cervical plexus block in patient undergoing thyroid surgery.

Study center: INSTITUTE OF ANAESTHESIOLOGY AND CRITICAL CARE,
RAJIV GANDHI GOVT. GENERAL HOSPITAL,
MADRAS MEDICAL COLLEGE,
CHENNAI-03.

Participant name: Age: Sex: I.P.No:

I confirm that I have understood the purpose of procedure for the above study. I have the opportunity to ask the question and all my questions and doubts have been answered to my satisfaction.

I have been explained about the pitfall in the procedure. I have been explained about the safety, advantage and disadvantage of the technique.

I understand that my participation in the study is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at anytime without giving any reason.

I understand that investigator, regulatory authorities and the ethics committee will not need my permission to look at my health records both in respect to current study and any further research that may be conducted in relation to it, even if I withdraw from the study. I understand that my identity will not be revealed in any information released to third parties or published, unless as required under the law. I agree not to restrict the use of any data or results that arise from the study.

Time:

Date:

Signature / thumb impression of patient

Place:

Patient name:

Signature of the investigator:

Name of the investigator:

ஆராய்ச்சி தகவல் தாள்

ஆராய்ச்சி தலைப்பு

தைராய்டு சுரப்பி அறுவை சிகிச்சைக்கு முழு மயக்கம் கொடுப்பதற்கு முன்பு மேலோட்டமான கழுத்து நரம்பு பின்னல் பகுதியில் புபிவெகெயின் எனும் மரத்துப்போகும் மருந்து கலவை செலுத்துவதை நுண்ணொலி பயன்படுத்தி அல்லது உடற்கூறு அடிப்படையில் ஒப்பிடுதல்

ஆராய்ச்சியாளர் பெயர் : மருத்துவர்.வெ.பிரகாஷ்

பங்கேற்பாளர் பெயர் :

ஆராய்ச்சியின் நோக்கம்

தைராய்டு சுரப்பி அறுவை சிகிச்சைக்கு முழு மயக்கம் கொடுப்பதற்கு முன்பு மேலோட்டமான கழுத்து நரம்பு பின்னல் பகுதியில் புபிவெகெயின் எனும் மரத்துப்போகும் மருந்து கலவை செலுத்துவதை நுண்ணொலி பயன்படுத்தி அல்லது உடற்கூறு அடிப்படையில் ஒப்பிடுதல்.

- 1) வெற்றி விகிதம் மற்றும் உணர்ச்சியற்றல் ஆரம்பித்தல் நேரம்
- 2) செயல்திறன் நேரம் மற்றும் ஊசி செலுத்துவதன் எண்ணிக்கை
- 3) அறுவை சிகிச்சையின்போது இதர வலி நிவாரணிகளின் தேவை
- 4) பக்க விளைவுகள்

ஆய்வு முறை

ஆய்வில் பங்குபெறும் நோயாளிகள் இரண்டு குழுக்களாகப் பிரிக்கப்படுவர்.

- குழு-1 நுண்ணொலி மூலம் மேலோட்டமான கழுத்து நரம்பு பின்னல் பகுதியில் மரத்துப்போகும் மருந்து கலவை செலுத்துதல்
- குழு-2 உடற்கூறு அடிப்படையில் மேலோட்டமான கழுத்து நரம்பு பின்னல் பகுதியில் மரத்துப்போகும் மருந்து கலவை செலுத்துதல்

நன்மைகள்

- 1) அறுவை சிகிச்சையின்போது நாடித்துடிப்பு மற்றும் இரத்த அழுத்தம் சீராக செயல்பட உதவுகின்றன.
- 2) இதர வலி நிவாரணிகளின் தேவை வெகுவாக குறைக்கப்படுகின்றன.

3) அறுவை சிகிச்சைக்குப் பின்னர் வலி நிவாரணத்தின் தன்மை நீட்டிக்கப்படுகின்றது.

பக்கவிளைவுகள்

ஊசி போடும்போது அசௌகரியம் ஏற்படலாம். மரத்துப்போகும் ஊசியின் மூலம் இது தவிர்க்கப்படும். குறைந்த இரத்த அழுத்தம், குறைந்த நாடித்துடிப்பு ஏற்படலாம். அதற்கு மாற்று மருந்துகள் உடனடியாக கொடுக்கப்படும்.

இந்த முறையான ஆய்வு ஏற்கனவே பல இடங்களில் நடத்தப்பட்டுள்ளது. மேலும் இதன் பாதுகாப்பு உறுதிசெய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது. நீங்கள் இந்த ஆய்வில் பங்குகொள்ள விரும்பவில்லை என்றால் எப்போதும் உபயோகிக்கப்படும் மருந்தே கொடுக்கப்படும். உங்கள் பாதுகாப்பே எங்களின் முக்கிய நோக்கம்.

இந்த ஆய்வு சம்பந்தமான எல்லா புள்ளி விவரங்கள் மற்றும் நோயாளிகளின் விவரங்கள் ரகசியமாக வைக்கப்படும். இந்த ஆய்வு சம்பந்தப்பட்ட எல்லா பரிசோதனைகள், மருந்துகள் மற்றும் மருத்துவ சேவைகள் அனைத்தும் நோயாளிகளுக்கு இலவசமாக வழங்கப்படும்.

ஆய்வாளரின் பெயர்

பங்குபெறுபவரின் பெயர்

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ஆராய்ச்சி ஒப்புதல் படிவம்

ஆராய்ச்சியின் தலைப்பு

திரையுடன் கூர்ப்பி அறுவை சிகிச்சைக்கு முழு மயக்கம் கொடுப்பதற்கு முன்பு
மேலோட்டமான கழுத்து நரம்பு பின்னல் பகுதியில் புபிவெகெயின் எனும் மரத்துப்போகும்
மருந்து கலவை செலுத்துவதை நுண்ணொலி பயன்படுத்தி அல்லது உடற்சூறு
அடிப்படையில் ஒப்பிடுதல்

ஆய்வு நிலையம் : மயக்கவியல் துறை, சென்னை மருத்துவக் கல்லூரி
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பங்கு பெறுவரின் பெயர் :

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பங்குபெறுபவர் இதனை (✓) குறிக்கவும்

மேலே குறிப்பிட்டுள்ள மருத்துவ ஆய்வின் விவரங்கள் எனக்கு
விளக்கப்பட்டது. என்னுடைய சந்தேகங்களை கேட்கவும், அதற்கான தகுந்த
விளக்கங்களை பெறவும் வாய்ப்பளிக்கப்பட்டது.

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நான் இவ்வாய்வில் தன்னிச்சையாகதான் பங்கேற்கிறேன். எந்த
காரணத்தினாலோ எந்த கட்டத்திலும் எந்த சட்ட சிக்கலுக்கும் உட்படாமல் நான்
இவ்வாய்வில் இருந்து விலகி கொள்ளலாம் என்றும் அறிந்து கொண்டேன்.

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இந்த ஆய்வு சம்பந்தமாகவோ, இதை சார்ந்த மேலும் ஆய்வு மேற்கொள்ளும்
போதும் இந்த ஆய்வில் பங்குபெறும் மருத்துவர் என்னுடைய மருத்துவ அறிக்கைகளை
பார்ப்பதற்கு என் அனுமதி தேவையில்லை என அறிந்து கொள்கிறேன். நான் ஆய்வில்
இருந்து விலகிக் கொண்டாலும் இது பொருந்தும் என அறிுகிறேன்.

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இந்த ஆய்வின் மூலம் கிடைக்கும் தகவல்களையும், பரிசோதனை
முடிவுகளையும் மற்றும் சிகிச்சை தொடர்பான தகவல்களையும் மருத்துவர்
மேற்கொள்ளும் ஆய்வில் பயன்படுத்திக்கொள்ளவும் அதை பிரசுரிக்கவும் என் முழு
மனதுடன் சம்மதிக்கின்றேன்.

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இந்த ஆய்வில் பங்கு கொள்ள ஒப்புக்கொள்கிறேன். எனக்கு கொடுக்கப்பட்ட
அறிவுரைகளின்படி நடந்து கொள்வதுடன் 'இந்த ஆய்வை மேற்கொள்ளும்
மருத்துவ அணிக்கு உண்மையுடன் இருப்பேன் என்று உறுதியளிக்கிறேன்.

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பங்கேற்பவரின் கையொப்பம் இடம்..... தேதி.....

கட்டைவிரல் ரேகை

பங்கேற்பவரின் பெயர் மற்றும் விலாசம்

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ஆய்வாளரின் பெயர்

**INSTITUTIONAL ETHICS COMMITTEE
MADRAS MEDICAL COLLEGE, CHENNAI 600 003**

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CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

To
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Post Graduate in Anaesthesia
Institute of Anaesthesiology and Critical Care
Madras Medical College
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Dear Dr.Prakash.V.,

The Institutional Ethics Committee has considered your request and approved your study titled "**A PROSPECTIVE AND RANDOMISED STUDY COMPARING ULTRA SOUND GUIDED AND LANDMARK - BASED TECHNIQUE FOR SUPERFICIAL CERVICAL PLEXUS BLOCK IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING THYROID SURGERY**" NO.29032015.

The following members of Ethics Committee were present in the meeting hold on 03.03.2015 conducted at Madras Medical College, Chennai 3

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| 1. Prof.C.Rajendran, MD | : Chairperson |
| 2. Prof.R.Vimala, MD., Dean, MMC, Ch-3 | : Deputy Chairperson |
| 3. Prof.B.Kalaiselvi, MD., Vice Principal, MMC, Ch-3 | : Member Secretary |
| 4. Prof.R.Nandini, MD., Inst.of Pharmacology, MMC | : Member |
| 5. Prof.K.Ramadevi, Director, Inst.of Bio-Chem. MMC | : Member |
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Inst.of Internal Medicine, MMC | : Member |
| 8. Thiru S.Rameshkumar, B.Com., MBA. | : Lay Person |
| 9. Thiru S.Govindasamy, BA., BL., | : Lawyer |
| 10. Tmt. Arnold Saulina, MA., MSW., | : Social Scientist |

We approve the proposal to be conducted in its presented form.

The Institutional Ethics Committee expects to be informed about the progress of the study and SAE occurring in the course of the study, any changes in the protocol and patients information/informed consent and asks to be provided a copy of the final report.

Member Secretary, Ethics Committee
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S.No	Name	Age	Sex	IP No	Ht	Wt	BMI	Diagnosis	Surgery	Duration	Technique	success rate	onset time	Performance time	block realted score	complication
1	govindammal	57	F	76793	135	60	32	MNG	TT	90	1	1	12	40	3	1
2	sengammal	40	F	79338	140	48	24	MNG	TT	110	1	1	14	30	4	1
3	geetha	35	F	74175	135	45	25	MNG	TT	90	1	2		45	3	1
4	Anbalagan	46	M	74593	160	62	24	MNG	TT	120	1	1	12	60	5	1
5	Murugan	67	M	69175	165	68	25	MNG	TT	115	1	2		40	3	1
6	Nirmala	51	F	73558	145	50	24	MNG	TT	80	1	1	11	35	3	2
7	Rajakumari	32	F	64422	130	45	26	MNG	TT	90	1	1	13	30	4	1
8	Jayanthi	25	F	64488	158	50	20	MNG	TT	105	1	1	10	40	3	1
9	Nithya	20	F	71914	155	54	22	SNT	TT	70	1	1	12	55	5	1
10	Devika	15	F	69923	145	44	21	SNT	TT	80	1	2		50	5	2
11	Remesh	45	M	64589	167	68	24	MNG	TT	120	1	1	11	40	4	1
12	Sriniasan	60	M	66714	158	58	23	SNT	TT	110	1	1	13	45	4	1
13	Gopalan	55	M	68189	156	60	25	MNG	TT	80	1	2		35	4	1
14	Sujatha	32	F	62689	155	54	22	MNG	TT	90	1	1	12	58	5	1
15	Latha	38	F	54568	145	52	25	MNG	TT	80	1	2		50	4	1
16	Meenakkshi	52	F	74891	138	58	30	SNT	TT	100	1	1	11	60	5	1
17	Kumarevel	58	M	74886	162	66	25	MNG	TT	90	1	1	12	50	4	1
18	Krishnamoorthy	56	M	54362	158	66	26	MNG	TT	110	1	2		48	4	1
19	Rani	40	F	67115	145	62	29	MNG	TT	90	1	1	10	50	5	2
20	Megala	35	F	78112	152	58	25	SNT	TT	85	1	1	12	50	4	1
21	Kalyani	36	F	82115	142	52	26	MNG	TT	90	1	1	15	60	5	1
22	Saroja	48	F	58188	142	58	29	MNG	TT	120	1	2		45	4	1
23	Kalaivani	46	F	66713	146	54	25	MNG	TT	110	1	1	10	40	3	1
24	govindammal	60	F	74183	136	40	22	MNG	TT	80	1	2		30	3	1
25	Maheswari	58	F	78164	140	55	28	MNG	TT	90	1	2		40	4	1
26	Narayanana	60	M	64183	158	60	24	SNT	TT	70	1	1	14	54	5	1
27	Ganesan	62	M	58543	165	68	25	MNG	TT	100	1	1	13	62	5	1
28	Moorthy	50	M	63015	162	64	24	MNG	TT	110	1	1	15	45	4	1
29	Andal	62	F	64032	138	58	30	MNG	TT	110	1	2		35	3	1
30	Anbarasan	44	M	63083	155	65	27	MNG	TT	120	1	1	12	50	4	1

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31	Siva	34	M	64524	160	63	25	MNG	TT	110	2	1	12	130	5	1	
32	Balakumar	32	M	58482	158	60	24	MNG	TT	100	2	2		140	4	1	
33	Ponnummal	48	F	64631	155	58	24	MNG	TT	90	2	1	12	140	3	1	
34	Nirmala	30	F	63742	149	52	23	MNG	TT	80	2	2		130	4	1	
35	Dhanam	54	F	67581	158	64	26	MNG	TT	120	2	1	15	135	5	1	
36	Rose	46	F	66712	151	48	21	SNT	TT	80	2	1	14	120	3	1	
37	Sangeetha	38	F	67158	149	51	23	MNG	TT	110	2	1	18	110	3	1	
38	Selvi	35	F	58115	150	50	22	MNG	TT	80	2	1	12	140	5	1	
39	Natarajan	48	M	74115	158	64	26	SNT	TT	70	2	2		130	4	1	
40	Sekar	45	M	76110	155	62	26	SNT	TT	60	2	1	13	120	3	1	
41	Kanimozhi	41	F	78124	153	60	26	MNG	TT	110	2	1	14	100	3	1	
42	Sudha	34	F	78174	148	48	22	MNG	TT	120	2	1	14	110	4 ¹	2	
43	Ravi	42	M	68115	159	68	27	MNG	TT	115	2	1	17	140	5	1	
44	Thilagam	38	F	67115	157	60	24	MNG	TT	80	2	1	16	110	3	1	
45	Asaithambi	36	M	58881	155	65	27	MNG	TT	90	2	1	11	100	3	1	
46	Vijayakumari	37	F	58687	151	55	24	MNG	TT	100	2	1	10	90	3	1	
47	Nagarathinam	60	F	56467	154	58	24	MNG	TT	80	2	2		140	5	1	
48	Girija	55	F	68482	158	55	22	MNG	TT	90	2	1	11	100	3	1	
49	Manikavel	40	M	74148	162	68	26	MNG	TT	110	2	1	13	130	4	2	
50	Rajagopal	49	M	84154	164	68	25	MNG	TT	120	2	1	17	110	3	1	
51	Munusamy	54	M	74185	160	65	25	MNG	TT	110	2	1	15	120	4	1	
52	Sumathy	30	F	68175	147	45	21	SNT	TT	90	2	1	12	130	4	1	
53	Parvathy	44	F	74165	148	50	23	MNG	TT	110	2	1	13	110	3	1	
54	Kalyani	38	F	51495	151	52	23	MNG	TT	90	2	1	14	100	3	1	
55	Devandran	36	M	51568	160	64	25	SNT	TT	110	2	1	15	110	3	1	
56	Thirumaran	54	M	65754	158	66	26	SNT	TT	130	2	2		150	5	1	
57	Kalaiyanaga	44	M	65852	164	70	26	MNG	TT	100	2	1	17	100	3	1	
58	Malarvizhi	38	F	75828	150	48	21	MNG	TT	80	2	1	16	100	3	1	
59	Kavitha	30	F	72831	148	52	24	MNG	TT	90	2	1	15	120	4	1	
60	Sundari	34	F	76821	150	50	22	MNG	TT	110	2	2	17	130	4	1	

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	BI	AI	At 5 mins	10	15	30	45	60	90	120	BI	AI	At 5 mins	10	15
1	115	90	91	88	82	82	75	68	69	88	150	125	128	125	121
2	118	88	85	83	84	75	77	73	78	90	160	129	123	121	128
3	74	63	58	50	60	58	58	56	66	59	130	109	108	110	100
4	103	79	96	79	77	83	78	86	68	78	136	92	124	92	92
5	86	80	82	80	81	74	66	71	64	88	124	110	114	114	113
6	108	72	70	68	62	78	74	72	76	76	135	116	118	116	118
7	113	88	85	81	80	85	89	92	78	75	164	124	121	119	118
8	85	75	76	78	77	75	75	74	64	64	139	118	117	125	123
9	103	86	83	85	86	90	86	93	85	83	135	125	118	115	112
10	118	95	90	80	76	83	82	88	86	86	145	104	104	107	104
11	98	68	67	70	71	68	65	68	64	60	133	105	108	110	112
12	88	80	78	75	77	71	72	75	80	82	133	121	123	124	118
13	110	87	89	85	88	88	92	87	82	78	148	117	124	114	123
14	93	76	75	78	79	82	84	78	76	71	149	122	123	124	125
15	92	70	67	68	64	64	63	64	60	60	147	123	123	132	130
16	100	85	83	76	72	78	80	84	72	80	150	113	115	96	98
17	95	78	78	76	70	63	66	59	64	68	153	114	120	97	119
18	115	86	88	87	85	83	81	83	85	82	132	108	108	105	104
19	82	58	60	64	62	66	62	69	63	58	150	111	112	108	102
20	90	68	65	62	62	63	62	64	65	75	146	120	117	117	116
21	90	80	80	80	75	72	71	73	83		152	121	119	119	119
22	90	70	62	62	61	63	69	70	60	64	150	114	112	111	108
23	108	85	88	85	83	76	78	73	82		138	101	109	118	107
24	108	78	76	74	81	70	67	73	72	80	134	118	116	116	107
25	90	65	64	73	69	59	57	53	54	56	155	124	102	106	101
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28	113	80	78	75	72	73	75	72	76	72	131	106	108	110	112
29	95	81	79	75	77	72	79	83	78	69	139	101	97	96	102
30	108	74	72	73	75	71	70	68	72	74	143	110	112	111	113

HEMODYNAMICS -GROUP B

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30	45	60	90	120	BI	AI	At 5 mins	10	15	30	45	60	90	120
126	125	126	122	133	98	92	96	90	85	78	81	89	87	80
128	129	123	125	133	91	81	78	75	74	71	70	72	78	81
101	99	99	107	103	67	66	66	68	64	72	71	70	73	69
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MAP										VAS SCORE (POST OP)				
BI	AI	At 5 mins	10	15	30	45	60	90	120	0 MINS	30 MINS	60 MINS	90 MINS	120 MINS
115	103	107	101	97	94	96	101	99	98	1	2	2	2	2
114	97	93	90	92	90	90	89	94	98	3	3	3	3	3
82	80	80	82	76	82	80	80	84	88	2	2	2	2	2
107	97	98	77	77	94	93	90	86	93	2	2	2	3	3
96	91	94	95	95	94	96	95	98	92	1	2	2	2	2
109	91	87	92	87	101	105	92	92	92	2	2	2	2	3
115	95	96	96	94	97	97	102	97	97	3	3	3	3	3
110	105	101	104	102	102	93	95	101	109	2	2	2	2	2
98	92	87	85	83	89	87	95	89	85	3	3	3	3	3
96	77	81	80	78	80	74	83	81	76	1	2	2	2	2
103	86	86	85	87	81	79	80	84	83	1	1	1	1	2
108	99	96	95	93	89	88	84	86	82	1	1	1	1	2
111	92	97	91	93	83	83	83	86	82	1	1	1	1	2
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113	99	100	107	107	107	106	105	104	105	1	1	1	2	2
113	88	88	76	77	87	99	90	90	96	1	1	1	1	3
119	75	108	80	105	85	94	101	96	105	1	1	1	2	3
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112	88	84	82	80	89	93	91	103	103	1	1	1	3	3
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115	99	99	98	96	103	102	93	105		1	1	1	1	2
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106	82	88	94	85	86	84	87	82		1	1	1	1	2
103	76	79	79	81	75	68	77	74	77	1	1	1	2	2
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111	88	94	92	88	94	95	99	98	99	2	3	3	3	3